

CGSLC Council Agenda
Sunday, February 18, 2018 @ 12:30 p.m.

Attend: Theo, Joe, Kerry, Laurie, Jean, Pr. Manda, Kevin, Bob, Chuck, Susan
Excused: Rebecca

Agenda Topics

1. Opening Prayer and devotion
2. Approve January minutes and February agenda
 - Both motions were made, seconded, and approved, with one abstention on the January minutes
3. Pastor's Update (Pr. Manda)
 - There are upcoming pastoral needs:
 - 3 funerals in the next two weeks
 - Extra worship services during Lent (Holden Evening Prayers on Wednesday, and Chrism Mass the morning of March 8th at CGS)
 - Others in the community are feeling isolated or in need of more connection with the church. We may talk in the retreat about the possibility of starting a calling and caring ministry.
 - We have given away almost half of the talent show gift cards so far.
4. Finance Committee Update (Kevin)
 - The January check came in late from Carden, and the February check has not arrived
 - General giving is behind budget, which is not a surprise for this time of year, though it is also behind the year-to-date for last year
 - Carden Update (Theo)
 - Up until November everything was paid by the 5th or 6th of the months
 - More recently checks have bounced or been late
 - We are reaching out to the school director to look at February as a grace period
 - Pr. Manda made a motion that the council entrust the communications with the school director to Pr. Manda and Theo, and that the rest of the council start looking into other organizations that might be interested in renting the space. The motion was seconded and approved, with one abstention.
 - Motion needed for approval of new executive committee to sign checks
 - It was moved, seconded, and approved to remove Bob and George from the list and add Theo and Laurie, plus continuing Chuck and Kevin
 - The account number at Bank of the West is 12006841
5. Christ Community Church (Theo)
 - Pr. Manda shared a little more about CCC's story. Pastors Jared and Nora came from Kenya about 10 years ago. They eventually found some people who wanted to make a church, starting in their home. They had an association with Hope for awhile and then met temporarily at Pueblo de Dios and then they came here.
 - They have requested a time for Bible study, possibly either Friday night or Sunday afternoon.

- They have requested a monthly fellowship in the Great Hall. The members of the council will talk at tables during coffee hour over the next few weeks to check about how members of the church feel about the possibility.
 - Pr. Manda moved that next month the council meet earlier than 12:30 in order for Pastors Jared and Nora can join us. The council decided that this will be at 11:45.
6. ELCA Statement Studies
- Women & Justice Social (Laurie)
 - Feedback is being sought for this statement
 - This will be announced in the weekly news
 - Inter-Religious
7. Building Our Future Update (Theo)
- Pr. Manda, Steve, and Theo are in the process of looking at next steps
8. Congregation Communications (Theo)
- Annual meeting review
 - Please
 - Monthly article
 - The request is that each council member sign up for one month this year in which you write about something happening in church or the council.
 - The schedule for this so far is:
 - March: Kerry
 - April: Jean
 - May: _____
 - June: Bob
 - July: Laurie
 - August: Rebecca
 - September: Chuck
 - October: Joe
 - November: Susan
 - December: _____
9. Retreat announcement (Pr. Manda/Theo)
- 1st Congregational Church, Palo Alto this coming Saturday, 9am-5pm
 - In preparation, please review the church governing documents and bylaws
10. Committees
- Appointments - 1 more each are needed for the Audit and Personnel committees
 - Updates - VBS this summer may be an evening family time rather than a day camp
11. Care for members who are ill or grieving
12. Closing prayer