

Christ the King Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2024 @ 5:30 pm
Fireside Room

Christ the King Lutheran Church is a caring community to empower all to know Christ and make Christ known.

Members Present:

Gary Rudolf (*President*), Brennan Enstad (*Secretary*), Jennifer Svien (*Treasurer*), Jessica Ehrich (*Past President*), Barbie Roessler (*Vice President*), Kaia Austin, Brent Sandhurst, Marlin Spangrud, Kathy Kachelmyer, Karen Moritz, Heather Krause Quiram, Pastor Melanie

Members Absent: Dan Rickbeil

1. G Rudolf called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM
2. Devotions – Jessica
 - Thank you, Jessica
3. Approval of the Agenda – Motion by M Spangrud, Second by J Ehrich - Motion passed.
4. Approval of Council Meeting minutes – Motion by B Roessler, Second by – K Austin Motion carried.
5. Liz Zaruba provided an update on the RIC (Reconciling in Christ) program. They hope to bring in more speakers to talk about the program. They have also setup a table in the narthex to answer any questions CTK members may have. A poll is planned for February to gauge member’s interest in becoming a RIC church. Liz reiterated the process needs to be a congregation wide effort not just up to the RIC task force. Additionally, Faith Continuum on January 19th will be related to the RIC program.
6. Approval of Treasurer’s report – Motion by B Sandhurst, Second by K Austin – Motion carried.
 - J Svien provided an update of our October financials.
 - Operating cash (in bank accounts) net of restricted funds equals \$98,673 on 10/31/2024 (46 days of expenses).
 - Regular offering was above monthly budget by \$1,499 and YTD variance of (\$9,104).
 - Monthly operational income was above monthly budget by \$4,435 and YTD variance of (\$2,624).
 - Monthly expenses were over budget by \$548 and YTD under budget by \$11,971.
7. DipJar Usage
 - DipJar hasn’t gained a lot of momentum yet. Wi-Fi issues may be causing cards to decline. Discussion around moving the DipJar to a new location with better service. Another option is moving to a different version that would use cellular service rather than Wi-Fi. We also need to do a better job of promoting it.
8. Roof Update – Stewardship’s Perspective
 - The Stewardship board believes that we will need to run a capital campaign. The board also recommends creating a task force to help with the campaign. The goal of this task force would be to gather improvement ideas that the campaign could help fund in addition to the roof. Discussion around doing a building study. Additionally, we could ask for an estimate from a designer related to improvement ideas. The Building and Grounds board has already come up with a list of ideas for possible improvements.
 - We’ve reached out to a couple of capital campaign consultants to ask a few initial questions and ask about costs.

- Mission investment fund (where we currently have our mortgage) said that we could create a new loan if we needed. The rate of new loan would be 7.125% with a 25-year amortization and no early payment fee. Obviously, if we borrow more money, we need new money coming into our budget to pay for it. Our current mortgage is 4%, which we would not need to change.
- Realistically, we are probably looking at the summer of 2026 to replace the roof.

9. Solar Panel Update

- Gary reached out to a friend who owns a solar company. The technology that we currently have should be good for roughly 40 years. Removing and reinstalling is also a pretty straightforward process.
- Brent mentioned that from a roofing perspective, the roofing company is not in favor of putting the solar panels back on after replacing the roof. A lot will likely depend on the cost of putting them back on, but we currently receive \$7,500 a year in rebates.
- The solar panels also serve a congregational want so we must be respectful of those member's wishes.

10. Cultivate & Rental Update

- Two rental payments received in October for a total of \$7,000.

11. Facilities Fees Revisit

- Motion by J Ehrich to table to next meeting, Second by B Roessler. Motion carried.

12. Call Committee Update

- Kathy provided an update on Sunday's first call committee meeting. A committee president and secretary were elected. Discussion on how to get input from the congregation whether through a new survey, the most recent survey done by Dave Menk, or other means.

13. Grace Luther Church Public Position on RE Assessments

- We encourage everyone to read it.

14. Congregational Photos Update

- We are reaching out to the photographer about whether they can come on another Wednesday. Sundays for the photographer are booked until at least January.

15. Pastor Melanie's Report

- Meals on Wheels is touring tomorrow to potentially use our kitchen.

16. New Borrowing Lease – Printer

- River Bend Leasing sent a borrowing resolution for the purpose of leasing a new Toshiba 6525AC color multifunction printer. Terms: Monthly payment amount of \$219 over 60 months. This will decrease our monthly cost.
- Motion by B Roesler to approve the lease. Second by B Sandhurst. Motion carried.

17. Board Reports

- The Adult Education board has added Naomi Baker to the board. M Spangrud moved to accept the addition of Naomi. Second by K Moritz. Motion carried.
- Motion by J Svien to put Pastor Melanie and Gary Rudolf on the FinCEN (Financial Crimes Enforcement Network) ownership form. Second B Sandhurst. Motion carried.

17. Prayer/Adjournment. Motion to adjourn by J Ehrich. Second B by Roessler. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.