

Christ the King Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Agenda
October 24, 2023 @ 5:30 pm

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

Members Present:

Gary Rudolf, Vice President
Dave Krause, Treasurer
Barbie Roessler, Secretary
Marlin Spangrud
Gayle Depuydt
Brent Sandhurst
Kathy Kachelmyer
Brennan Enstad
David Menk
Madysen Pearson
Kaia Austin
Dan Rickbeil

Members Absent:

Jessica Ehrich
Pastor Melanie

1. Attendance

- G. Rudolph called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM

2. Devotions – Brent Sandhurst

- Thank you, Brent.

3. Approval of the Agenda

- Motion by M Spangrud, Second D Krause - Motion passed

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Motion by D Krause, Second B Enstad- Motion passed

5. Approval of Treasurer's Report

- Motion by B Enstad, Second by M Spangrud
- Discussion - Dave provided additional information regarding the financial statements. We've had a subpar month for revenue in September. While we are below budget, our expenses are below budget as well. Additional miscellaneous income allows us to get to about break even. YTD is looking pretty well. Seasonal expenses and some staffing changes are providing fewer expenses at this time. Revenue must increase. Stewardship and Finance committees are working on video messages and will be released soon. Personal testimonials will also be provided. There will be focus on year-round messaging versus only at pledge time. There was a question about budgeting practices in general. Past trends drive budgeting decisions. There was discussion about utility charges. Our expenses are above budgeted amount at this point in the fiscal year. Electricity is a bit higher. We receive monthly rent from Cultivate and utilities are charged to them quarterly.

- Motion Passed

6. Roof Leak Update

- We currently have some roof leaks occurring. Stewardship should discuss fundraising for a roof. The roof could be done in sections versus trying to repair/replace all at once. The current leaks are in numerous places. There was discussion about going out for bids to identify where the leaks are, how to best replace/repair areas needing work, and prioritizing the worst areas first. Buildings and Grounds will discuss this topic at their meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, October 25.

7. Cultivate Kitchen use/Utilities

- Tabled until Pastor Melanie is available.
- Equipment concerns may be the discussion item on this.

8. Plowing (Lyn Austin)

- Brent talked about the need to have a timelier plowing schedule.
- We will be moving forward with Lyn Austin.
- Who clears the ice away? Carl would be in charge of this task.

9. Special Congregational Meeting- Constitution updates

- The Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, October 29 at 10:45. Every Congregational Council member is encouraged to attend.
- Suggested Changes –
 - C12.07.01 The Congregational Council shall provide annually a complete membership roster including new members, transfers, baptisms, funerals, and inactive members comparing this to the previous two years.
 - Chapter 13 - Most of the changes are surrounding Boards.
 - 13.07 – Servant Outreach Board –It shall “recommend” versus “administer”.
 - 13.10.01 – Congregation Board
 - Item B - Do not use the word “welfare” and use “care” instead.
 - 13.10.04
 - Item D – Remove the wording “...staff and congregation members in...”
 - Item E – Use the word “Submit” versus “Oversee”
 - 13.1 – Add wording “not specified in the bylaws shall be established by the council”
 - 13.12.01 – Marlin had questions from others asking if we need a professional auditing firm. The Congregational Council does not feel this is necessary.
 - 13.13 – Question on b. 2) – Should the signature of the Congregational Council President be on the letter of call form as well? We feel the Synod should weigh in on this question. Marlin will follow up.
 - 13.16.01 – The question was asked about the Call Committee and who should nominate those candidates. We should add the wording to this section “...congregation, except the Executive Committee, Nominating Committee, and the Call Committee.”
- Membership Care Committee – Do we have a need for a committee that assists with congregational member care for those with personal challenges and/ or crises? This committee would assist the Pastors. This idea will not be included in the Constitution at this time. More discussion and definition will be needed

before moving forward with this idea.

- Marlin spoke passionately about getting our congregation to become more of a participatory congregation to be involved in the life of the church. His concerns are about people attending, fellowship, bible studies, seeing more people in the building, etc. We discussed how our church congregation is really four separate congregations due to our four different services and types of services.

10. Pastor Melanie's Report

- N/A

11. Covenant Commission Communication

- Minutes are included in the packet for review.

12. Prayer Request/Adjournment

- Motion by D Krause, second by D Rickbeil to adjourn. Motion passed.
- Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 @ 5:30 PM Next

Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 @ 5:30 PM