

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT

November 27, 2018

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Sara Stensaas.

Members present: Pastors Peter Nycklemoe, D. Foy Christopherson, Melissa Pohlman and Stephanie Friesen, Lisa Beane, Roberta Groening, Sara Gunsch, Phil Holst, John Olson, David Sand, Jen Surla, Mons Teig, Paul Troselius

Staff present: Mark Carroll, Pat Hansen, Karen Knox

Christ Care Prayers: Pastor Peter invited all to share their joys, sorrows, concerns, and thanksgivings, which were then lifted in prayer.

Staff Stories: Mark and Karen each shared a personal background of their lives, what they like to do and what they do at Central. Mark has been on staff for six years and Karen for 20 years. They were thanked by the Council for their care and service to Central!

Adoption of the Agenda: Before adopting the agenda, Sara presented information about “Martha’s Rules” and a miniature toolkit for shorter, more focused meetings. The Council liked this idea, and the Meeting Agenda was adopted.

Approval of Minutes from October Council Meeting: The Council Meeting minutes from October 23, 2018, were approved.

Financial Reports: Treasurer John Olson reviewed the monthly financial reports through October 31, 2018 – Analysis of Revenue & Expense, Balance Sheet Analysis, Building Renewal Project to Date, Revenue & Expense, Designated Fund Summary, and Wells Fargo Account Summary. These financial reports were accepted by the Council. John’s Treasurer’s Report summary is attached to these minutes. Peter also shared an update on the recent pledges received for 2019.

Information Items:

1. Building Renewal Project Update – During the financial reports, Pr. Peter shared information about the parking automation and its completion by the first of the year. Fire doors are in! Also, the decorative work on the outside doors has been completed. Work continues on the stained glass for the sanctuary doors and the Free Store doors. Artwork will be coming back soon. Outside post painting will resume in the spring. Sand is being used for the frosty sidewalks as the concrete needs to cure for a year.
2. Reconciling in Christ – Pr. Melissa shared that the team has met several times and are finetuning their statement, which will be presented at the next council meeting. The discernment process will take place in January.
3. Strategic Planning Update – Lisa shared the invitation to the Spiritual Life Groups, the first initiative out of the strategic plan process. There will be “warm-ups” in December with sign-ups in January 2019, and a goal of 6-8 different groups being formed. Council members are encouraged to join a group.
4. Nominating Committee Update – Pr. Peter shared that the nominating committee continues its work of soliciting names for new leaders that will be voted on at the upcoming Annual meeting on February 10, 2019. New leaders will include those for the council members who will be finishing

their terms, as well as voting members needed to attend the Minneapolis Area Synod assembly in May.

5. 100th Anniversary Year Update – Pr. Peter shared that this is going really well! The weekend of Pastor Wolfgang “Will” Laudert was great, with his preaching at the all four services, a well-attended Sunday potluck, and the prayers for the Bangladesh mission team taking place. It was a great weekend! Pr. Kris Stedje will be here the second weekend in January, 2019.
6. Budget Work Begins Update – With the fiscal year being moved to January 1st, the budget will need to be ready for the annual meeting in February. John, Peter and Obie will begin their work soon, with a draft of the budget coming to Council for its approval in January.
7. Program area updates – Pr. C shared the November Life Passages and mentioned the public invitation to baptismal preparation for adults/youth for the Easter Vigil. Pr. Stephanie shared updates about the upcoming Christmas program, January family camp, a possible lock-in and plans for summer trips. Pr. Melissa shared that the Restoration Center is going well, and that it’s time to get back on meeting schedules.

Deeper Conversation

1. Envision Community – on behalf of Heading Home Central, Pr. Melissa and Pr. Peter shared information about this new community within the City of Minneapolis and how Central might be able to help partner with them. No decisions are being made yet; this is the beginning of a discernment process.

Action Items:

There were no action items at this time.

After closing with Responsive Prayer for Evening, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hansen
Recording for
Sara Gunsch, Council Secretary