

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED

March 26, 2019

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, Megan Bowman, Mark Erickson, Roberta Groening, Carl Numrich, John Olson, David Sand, Jen Surla, Paul Troselius

Members/Staff excused: Pat Hansen

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

Adoption of the Agenda: The Meeting Agenda was adopted.

Approval of Minutes from February Council Meeting: The Council Meeting minutes from February 26, 2019, were approved.

A Few More of Our Stories/Getting Acquainted: President Sara invited the five members and staff who missed the February meeting to share their stories in an effort for all to learn more about each other.

Financial Reports: Treasurer John Olson reviewed the monthly financial reports through February 28, 2019 – Analysis of Revenue & Expense, Balance Sheet Analysis, Building Renewal Project to Date, Revenue & Expense, Designated Fund Summary, the Wells Fargo Account Summary, and the Wells Fargo Brokerage Account. New Council members were encouraged to email John or Obie with any questions they might have as they familiarize themselves with the financials of Central Lutheran. These financial reports were accepted by the Council. John's Treasurer's Report summary is attached to these minutes.

The Council also reviewed the February 13, 2019 letter/report received from Akins Heinke & Company, Certified Public Accounts, representing an accounting audit performed through May 31, 2018. Recommendations made by the auditors are being utilized by the staff performing the accounting functions.

Rostered Leaders Reports: In addition to the submitted written reports, Pr. C highlighted the February Life Passages and the recent New Members group. Pr. Melissa shared a huge thank you for her sabbatical. Deacon Mark's report about his upcoming surgery and the organ also needing surgery (repairs) were discussed.

Information Items:

1. 100th Anniversary Spring Schedule – Pr. Peter shared the upcoming main events that are taking place in April and May: Pr. David Wangaard preaching the first weekend in April, along with a Sunday potluck; the Anniversary banquets taking place the first weekend in May.
2. Reconciling in Christ Next Steps – Kevin Lile has agreed to lead this group, keeping the energy from the vote going. Next meeting will be in June.
3. Strategic Planning – Lisa shared that some team meetings have been postponed, due to the February weather. Some Spiritual Life Groups have met, with awesome materials being provided! Two new groups have also been formed, and others can be added at any time.

4. Envision Community – Pr. Peter and Pr. Melissa described the process that took place in the past, how Street Voices of Change was started at Central by groups of people who have experienced homelessness and who want to change the conditions of being homeless, and how SVoC has grown to three groups, meeting in three downtown churches. SVoC/First Covenant is now working with Hennepin County Medical Center and Dr. William Welch about housing/tiny homes. After 1½ years of work, they continue to work on community and support, and will be viewing a tiny home that has been built at the University of Minnesota by SVoC people. Central has been asked to be a part of this two-year pilot program, providing land for this community. The Pros and Cons developed by Central’s previous council were discussed, with a decision-making taking place in May or June. A staff conversation needs to be made; liability and financial pieces need to be addressed, and a possible visit to see the tiny home will help in further decision-making. Pr. Peter and Melissa will move forward with this work.

Life Passages for February 2019:

1. Baptisms - Demi Mae Flanders daughter of Amanda and Travis Flanders was baptized at Central, February 23, 2019. Pastor D. Foy Christopherson baptized Demi.
2. Weddings - Loren Willson and Cory Hinz were married at Central, February 9, 2019. Pastor Stephanie Friesen presided.
3. Funerals
 - a. Frithjof Orval Martinius Westby (June 6, 1920 – January 21, 2019) funeral was held at Central, on February 16, 2019. Pastor D. Foy Christopherson presided.
 - b. Robert “Bob” Edward Boldt (November 2, 1928 – February 11, 2019) funeral was held at Central, on February 22, 2019. Pastor Foy Christopherson presided.

New Members:

New members were received into the congregation on Sunday, March 3, 2019. The Council affirms the membership of:

Stanley Amoako	Lindsey Kleis
Georgia Becker	Laurel Lucore
Hollie Christensen	Nicole Middendorf
Nancy Erickson	Carol Miller
Tom Erickson	Krista Miller
Marcia Holman	Randy Miller
Mark Holman	Tjia Richmond
Daniel Holt	Ann Samuelson
Elizabeth Hubbard	Mark Samuelson
Wesley Huntington	Paul Stewart
Kent Knutson	Bryan Tabery

Action Items:

There were none.

After closing with Responsive Prayer for Evening, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hansen

Recording for Jen Surla, Council Secretary

**Central Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report
February 28, 2019 Financials (2 months)**

	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>February 28, 2019</u>	<u>% of Annual Budget (17%)</u>
Income	\$2,738,000	Income \$396,328 *1	15%
Expense	<u>\$2,737,642</u>	Expense <u>\$516,447</u> *2	19%
Surplus	\$358	Deficit (\$120,119) *3	

Operating Fund	February Actual	February Budget	2019 Year-to-Date Actual	2019 Year-to-Date Budget	2018 Year-to-Date Actual	Year Over Year Change - Actual
Regular Offering	\$91,824	\$95,934	\$178,442	\$145,829	\$140,428	\$5,401
Parking	\$24,350	\$40,833	\$35,038	\$81,667	\$88,418	(\$53,380)
Foundation	\$63,500	\$63,500	\$127,000	\$127,000	\$107,106	\$19,894

Building Renewal FY 2019	Feb. 2019 Actual	2019 YTD Actual	Annual Budget Remaining
BR Revenues: Capital Fund Drive *4	\$46,020	\$76,190	\$282,157
Foundation	\$14,000	\$28,000	\$140,000
Prior Designated Funds	\$0	\$200,000	\$0
Donor Debt Reduction *5	(\$22,003)	(\$22,003)	\$0
Energy Rebates	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$9,000
Designated Fund, Sign	\$0	\$9,935	\$0
Total BR Revenues	<u>\$39,017</u>	<u>\$293,122</u>	<u>\$431,157</u>
BR Expenses: Financing: Interest payments	\$6,207	\$13,164	\$66,836
Construction	\$0	\$277,824	\$317,067
Furniture and Equipment	\$17,023	\$21,582	(\$54,874)
Sanctuary (stained glass/HVAC)	\$4,938	\$49,625	\$129,125
Parking Lot Project	\$10,750	191,689	\$103,414
Total BR Expenses	<u>\$38,918</u>	<u>\$553,884</u>	<u>\$561,568</u>
Net Total	<u>\$99</u>	<u>(\$260,762)</u>	<u>(130,411) *6</u>

Assets / Liabilities	2/28/19	12/31/18	2 Mo. Change
Operating Checking	\$45,420	\$67,874	(\$22,454)
Reserve Fund	(\$23)	\$100,335	(\$100,358)
Designated Funds, Capital Replacement / Building Fund	\$164,192	\$343,821	(\$179,629)
Mission Investment Fund Mortgage	\$8,753,457	\$8,793,000	(\$39,543)

* Notes:

1. Revenues:
 - YTD Regular Offering is \$33K ahead of budget.
 - Parking Revenue is always a month behind in reporting. Actual shown is for January = \$24K. February will be approximately \$52K.
 - Foundation revenue continues to be on budget.
2. Expenses:
 - CYF Trips/Retreats = \$6,064: Prepaying summer activities.
 - B&G (boiler) Repairs = \$5,125: All repairs have been made, probably for remainder of year.
 - Electricity-XCEL and Natural Gas: 2019 will determine actual costs to use for budgeting.
3. YTD deficit is \$4,805 lower than budget.
4. Capital Fund Drive total is \$3,216,764 to date.
5. Donor Debt Reduction from Foundation primarily and from member donations. Is reduction of the MIF Short Term mortgage principle and is shown as a negative.
6. \$310K in BR bank account will cover the deficit.

Respectfully,

John Olson