

# CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED

November 24, 2020

**Call to order:** The Zoom meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Lisa Beane.

**Members present:** Pastors Peter Nycklemoe, Stephanie Friesen and Melissa Pohlman, Deacon Mark Sedio, Mark Erickson, Roberta Groening, Carl Numrich, John Olson, Rod Richter, Sara Stensaas, Jen Surla, Paul Troselius

**Members excused:** Megan Bowman

**Staff/Guests present:** Staff Pat Hansen and Robert Holmen

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

**Adoption of the November Agenda:** The Meeting Agenda was adopted.

**Approval of Minutes from October Council Meeting:** The Council Meeting minutes for October 27, 2020 were approved.

**Approval of Rostered Leaders Shared Report and Ministry Area Information Reports:** These reports were approved as presented.

### **Life Passages for October 2020:**

1. Baptisms - None
2. Weddings
  - a. **Crystal Sayther** and **Christine Famiano** were married at Central on Saturday, October 17, 2020. Pastor Melissa Pohlman presided.
3. Funerals/Burial Services
  - a. The funeral service for **Margaret “Peg” Elizabeth Thelen** (October 7, 1931 – October 2, 2020) was held at Central Lutheran on October 18, 2020. Pastor Judith Stone presided.

**Financial Reports:** Treasurer John Olson summarized the monthly financial reports through October 31, 2020 – Analysis of Revenue & Expense, Balance Sheet, Designated Fund Summary, and the Alerus and Wells Fargo Account Summaries. John’s Treasurer’s Report summary is attached to these minutes. John shared the good news that the PPP has been forgiven. The three 2021 Budget Scenarios remain status quo until the end of the year when all offerings have been received and recorded. December is always Central’s biggest revenue month, with numerous stock transfers being gifted. Conversations are taking place with Allied and the Convention Center personnel about upcoming events and potential parking revenue.

**New Business:**

Fiscal and Property forwarded a recommendation from the Columbarium Team to begin the next stage of development, an expansion of another wall of niches. This will be done using Columbarium funds and will allow them to order the marble that matches the existing wall.

Pastor Peter and Lisa explained the draft of the Annual Meeting Continuing Resolution in the COVID-19 Pandemic, that will be sent out before the annual meeting.

The Strategic Plan process is currently on hold due to the pandemic. However, President Lisa felt it was important to communicate to the Strategic Planning Team members, thanking them for the work they have done and releasing them from any future responsibilities.

New Members were received on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at the 5 pm worship service. See names below.

**Action Items:**

1. The council affirmed and approved the recommendation from Fiscal and Property on behalf of the Columbarium Team to proceed with the expansion of the columbarium.
2. The council approved the draft of the annual meeting continuing resolution in the COVID-19 Pandemic.
3. The council approved communicating its gratitude for the Strategic Planning Team members and their work.
4. The council affirmed the new members who were received on Saturday, November 14, as confirmed, voting members:

Katherine Anderson	Adam Jesse	Children joining with their parents:
Ky Anderson	Alisa Jesse	Micah Anderson
Mark Dooley	John Jesse	Caroline Dooley
Michelle Dooley	Bryan Johnson	Laurel Dooley
Isaac Drewes	William Pederson	Aaron Jesse
Crystal Famiano	Suzanne Schriefer	
Christine Famiano	Thomas Schriefer	
Alvaro Giraud-Isaacson	Robert Sime	
Jeffrey Giraud-Isaacson	Walter Vinson	
Kenneth Hardy	David Wright	
	Renee Wright	

**Council Missional Leadership and Planning Brainstorming:** The remainder of the meeting continued with the council returning to one of the two groups, continuing their brainstorming on two areas --- one involving internal member engagement and one addressing the needs of our surrounding community.

**Closing Prayer and Adjourn:** After closing with the Lord’s Prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Hansen  
Recording for Jen Surla, Council Secretary