

**NOTES of the CLC COUNCIL MEETING
December 13, 2016**

The council meeting commenced at 6:04 PM

PRESENT: Pastor Karen, Casey Church, Beth Stephens, Paula Steinert, Josh Krenz, Mark Dunham, Peggy Krenz, Steve Flannigan, Pastor Joene. Guests for the Narrative Budget: Steve Linam and Rickey Faehl

OPENING AND GOD SIGHTINGS: *identify an effective ministry that occurred since our last gathering – prayer.* Pastor Joene gave thanks for the wonderful weather this week, as Advent season proceeds, and asked for God's guidance in the meeting.

CELEBRATION OF AN ALIVE CHURCH: Mark thanked for a great afternoon, and Paula noted the huge full moon tonight. Steve thanked for finding medicines for Georgia, after the first pharmacy was out. We thanked Josh for the pizza present tonight, and Elna decided to make room and take her cookies home! She is thankful for getting up each morning, and for being able to get around. Casey thanked for her interactions with her grand children.

NEW ACTION ITEMS

- Council Minutes for November 15 were approved by motion of Elna with Beth's second, and with no corrections noted on Version 2.
- Discussion of the Narrative Budget: Steve Linam presented a two page draft budget, with the following notes.
A visual format is used showing the portions of resource devoted to 5 mission areas of CLC: Gathering, Caring, Nurturing, Welcoming, and Supporting functions. They are trying to make the point that total funds are generated in excess, but general funds are in deficit, and that a discussion must be had. This discussion is planned for both January 8 and 15 at the Adult Forum times, which will be announced. ***A resolution of support was moved by Mark with second by Josh, and passed unanimously.***
- Adoption of the Proposed 2017 CLC Budget: Steve Flannigan reviewed the 2017 budget, noting that we are drawn into reserves by ~\$3700, and that expenses are ~\$5400 over. Also, fund drives are always very successful, but they confuse the books and so have been removed from the general budget in 2017. They did add a line for Lutheran Advocacy, at \$500. The total proposed budget increase is 4%, but the unrestricted budget increase is 10%. The new budget only partially reflects the move of Special Offerings out of the General Budget, and into their own separate line items. Casey asked how this budget will be moved forward to the Congregation, and whether a review meeting separate from the Annual Meeting will be held?
Moved by Steve Flannigan with second by Paula that: 1) Total increase in 2017 income request shall be limited to 4%, 2) Special Fund drives shall be moved outside the General Budget, and 3) that the draft 2017 budget be approved by Council. Approved unanimously.
- **New topic of ELCA Missionary Support:** Mark forwarded materials send from ELCA, and the Council agreed to take this on as a detailed discussion topic in the January meeting.

REPORTS FROM MINISTRY GROUPS OR TEAMS

Emphasize what is exciting and being planned to meet your mission goals, including recommendation of new ventures for council approval. Include:

- **Faith Formation :** No verbal discussion, see Pastor's Report for more info.
- **InReach:** No report. See Pastor's Report for more info.
- **OutReach:** No report. See Pastor's Report for more info.

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- **Parish Nurse and Health Ministry:** The November/December report was submitted by Paula. It notes the Conversation Project was a good success, and interest in new topics is present. The team is planning 3 events in 2017, with possible topics of Aging, End of Life issues, Spirituality and Dying, Grieving and Bereavement, or Making Funeral Plans.
- **Stewardship:** The team has decided to issue financial pledge cards, distributed by January 5 with response before the annual meeting. Beth and Mark spoke in favor of collecting pledges in the communal environment of the annual meeting, and this recommendation will be taken back to the team.
- **Welcoming & Aesthetics:** Written report, with the following action requests. W&A desires to carry over the \$3000 left in the 2016 budget to complete ongoing work, and be given \$1500 for new projects. Joene thinks that W&A must prioritize to fit their remaining goals into this amount of funding, and that remodel of the Unisex Bath should fall high on this list. Paula said that Diane was aware of this need, and they will do this.
- **Worship & Music:** No written report.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND CONSTITUTION CHANGES: Casey verified with NM DoS that we have no issues regarding NM corporation law versus the proposed amendments. We then reviewed the timetable of events appended at end of this report, and agreed to follow it. Note that the special meeting notice is currently in written mail only, and will to be changed in this Constitution revision to allow for email, with mail by request only.

2017 NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: We will call upon the 4 approved congregation members from the last annual meeting, Rickey, Pam Martin, Barb Doddek, and Ilene Rhine will join Josh and Elna as the team, with Kristin as a backup.

SOURCE MINISTRY REPORTS

Address how the resource ministry groups can continue to support the congregation's mission and ministry in terms of facility, staffing, finances, and volunteers. Include:

- Administration - We move back to Church Mutual insurance, which provides superior adjunct coverages.
- Finance: Discussion under 2017 budget above.
- Property & Maintenance – Josh reported that we have renewed snow removal with Julian, and that he has guaranteed that all work will be completed by 0730 AM. The Food Pantry has passed our storage with no issues. W&A has requested that we clean the church once weekly, up from twice a month. This was **NOT** included in the 2017 budget, and is an increase from \$5000 to \$10000. However we are not sure we are getting value for our current payment, and Beth will investigate commercial cleaning services. Josh is asking Admin Team to consider higher rent rates to our users. Steve asked if we are inspecting the roof to preserve our warranties? Answer is not yet--- but we will. Steve noted and all agreed that we must get new able-bodied persons on PMT, as Tom Martin must back off, and both Rickey and Mark are too busy to cover his contributions.
- Treasurer— Peggy discussed the Dec 13 weekly report, noting that she has removed the DWI advance payments from the balances, and is pro-rating them monthly now.
- Pastor's Report – Written report received and attached. Joene discussed the ILA meeting which is working to re-affirm Santa Fe city immigration policies and programs. A rally is planned tomorrow if anyone can come. Moved by Peggy and seconded by Mark to support the ILA in its actions and to sign out a letter of support from the CLC Council. Which was approved unanimously.

SENDING OR BENEDICTION:

A benediction was given by Peggy, and the December Council Meeting closed at 8:45 PM by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mark E. Dunham

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Constitution Amendment Timetable (Updated)

<u>Actions</u>	<u>Deadline Date</u>
Exec Committee Review and Draft	Nov. 8, 2016
Council Approval of Optional Amendments (And placing items on annual meeting agenda)	Nov. 15, 2016
Publish via Thursday Message (with link)	Dec. 15, 2016
Single-issue email blast (with link) (Paper copies available in Zagan and/or Office)	Dec. 16, 2016
Postal mailing to mail-receiving members	Dec. 16-23, 2016
Q & A re: changes at Sunday Forum (Pastor, Karen, Casey)	Jan. 8, 2017
Annual Meeting Date	Jan. 22, 2017
Send approved amendments/total amended Constitution to Synod and archive at CLC	_____

Pastor's Report - December 2016

CLC Mission: "To preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to extend the message of God's welcome to all people throughout our community. To affirm our faith through service, worship, and music. To nurture relationships of trust and acceptance, and to build on our strong foundation a church that is poised for growth."

Baptisms: 0

Funerals: 1 National Cemetery committal, Dec 5th, on behalf of St. Timothy's Abq

Weddings: 1, December 4th

Future:

- Reformation 500 Team has yet to meet
- Narrative Budget Team has prepared a narrative budget and explanation
- Stewardship Team is preparing a Giving to God: Ourselves, Our Time and Our Possessions pledge drive.
- The ILA (Interfaith Leadership Alliance) is creating a monthly event, beginning Jan 2017, to be hosted by the various faith communities, to foster a better understanding between people of different faiths and divergent views.

Faith Formation

- We have several people who want to become a CLC member and/or more involved. I've had them fill out paperwork and will offer new member classes after the first of the year.
- Adult Forum has begun; Dec (Advent) is a study of Isaiah. Attendance and response has been positive. I will look for similar materials to use in the future.
- Wednesday morning prayer time has begun with contemplative Advent liturgies.
- Josh is teaching confirmation classes on Sunday mornings. Lizzy was the 8 am assistant minister on Dec 4th, Michaela is sacristan for the 11th. They will continue to serve at least through May.
- I've invited 20-30 year olds to a Pizza and Pastor event on Dec 14th, as a first step.
- I've asked Parish Nurse and Health Ministry to consider an event(s) to cope with post-election stress.
- Contemplating a joint RCC/Lutheran series of "classes" on Luther in Santa Fe, using a Great Course series. This is being done in Abq, and I've been given the name of a RCC priest to contact. Tentatively in March?
- I am considering a book group to read and discuss religious/faith materials beginning in the new year.
- Still considering a weekly small group for newly retired & those considering retirement, to meet in the evenings. There is interest, but we need a facilitator

Inreach/Worship

- Don Sandstrom is providing a tree for the sanctuary again this year.
- CLC will have one Christmas Eve service at 6:30 pm, no Christmas Day service
- Sunday 1/1/2017 service will be at 10 am (only 1 service)
- A "Longest Night/Blue Christmas" service will be Tuesday, Dec 20th 5:30 pm. We have fliers and half pages to distribute,
- Epiphany Blessing will be January 6th at 5:30 pm

Outreach

- As the Santa Fe Refugee Program is on hold until we received clarity from the president-elect regarding his policies, we are writing letters of support for the refugee and immigration programs to our congressmen. Debra Beltz is hosting the writing table and hand delivering the letters to local congressional offices. On Dec 4th 40 letters were turned in.

Misc

- I've been called for jury duty (District Court) effective November 25 through February 25th. I reported on November 30th, but wasn't selected for the jury.
- I'm planning a New Council/Team Leaders Retreat for Saturday January 28th. Focus will be on team building.