

NOTES of the CLC COUNCIL MEETING May 16, 2017

The meeting commenced at 6:08 PM

PRESENT: Pastor Karen Thompson, Casey Church, Paula Steinert, Josh Krenz , Mark Dunham, Peggy Krenz, Barbara Doddek, Sarah Grace. Guests: Rickey Faehl and Allyson Faehl

Meeting was opened with devotion by Pastor Karen reading a new possible translation from the Aramaic of the Lord's Prayer, as translated by Neil Douglas-Klotz.

Discussion of an alive church included:

Working with the youth last Friday on the outdoor project and all the new members last Sunday (5/14). Pr. Karen Thompson expressed the gratitude of the Bowling Green student group for their recent two-nights lodging at the church. She will be submitting their monetary contribution.

Review and Approval of April minutes: moved to amend minutes to change "Seminarian Special Fund" to "Seminary Fund". Minutes approved as amended.

Health benefits update: discussion on vesting after 6 months continuous employment. This will become retroactive if an interim becomes a full employee. **Moved and passed.**

Promising Christian Leader Scholarship: Suggestion in abstentia from Paula to make the application deadline June 30. **Passed**

Use of email discussion: Council agreed to use email for information only unless in an emergency. This is as written in the council covenant. Reaffirmed the covenant. The covenant will be posted on the Council Bulletin Board.

Immigration 101: Report from Sarah. The workshop was well attended. From CLC Sarah, Lara Gooding, Phyllis and Scott Carlisle attended. There were speakers on their immigration experiences, the current immigration policy, the documentation process. After all the paperwork is completed properly, there is a 13 to 18 YEAR wait for formal admission to the US.

Also speakers talked about the root causes of the immigration crisis, setting up a text network to alert immigrants about issues and ICE sweeps. Justin from [New Mexico Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice](#) spoke about training legal observers to accompany detainees when they are picked up by law enforcement to attend hearings and to be sure that their rights are not violated.

The Dreamers Project: raise funds to hire lawyers experienced in deportation proceedings. Suggestion for this summer is that CLC do a discernment for becoming a sanctuary church with the rights and risks that this entails. Thank you Sarah!

Discussion of Credit card versus debit card: The decision was made to apply for a church credit card and eliminate the debit card. The consensus was that a credit card is safer. The signatories would be the Pastor, the Council president, and the treasurer. **Moved and passed.**

Upcoming use of facility: A youth group from Texas has asked to use the facility the night of June 27th. They have been here before. **Moved and Passed.**

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Global mission special offering: this is planned for June and July. Question was is it the same as the ELCA Global Ministry. Suggestion was made to defer until Mark could address the question. Further discussion was made to send support to a missionary or missionary couple with offerings from these 2 months. It will be named the “Missionary Fund”. **Moved and passed.**

Work Day: Next work day will be June 24. This is a non DWI day. Informational only. No vote needed.

Health Ministry: The next and last Conversation Project of this year will be on June 2nd. Topic will be Dementia. Health Ministry retreat will be on June 10th. Informational only. No vote needed.

Admin Report: The lease on the copier is up in January 2018. The new lease would cost about \$300 a month. Steve Linam is looking into buying a comparable or usable printer. To buy the same one we have now would cost about \$5000.00. On top of that we would need to purchase a service contract. Informational only. No vote needed.

Finance/Treasurer Report: Council was given an update on the new ICON software. We are now using ICON totally and have moved out of QuickBooks. In the treasurer’s handout is a fund report of spending and a Profit and Loss for the first Quarter. Informational only. No vote required.

Pastor’s Report: Team of Barbara, Joene, and Josh will select the gifts for our confirmands, possible cross necklaces. The funds will come from the general fund, as there is no confirmation fund established. **Moved and Passed.**

Judi Ewert has agreed to replace Joshua as Council member in July when he leaves for school.

Adjournment reading by Casey: A reading from The Road Home by Ethan Nichtern. Adjourned by acclamation at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Krenz

Treasurer