

NOTES of the CLC COUNCIL MEETING August 15, 2017

The meeting commenced at 6:04 PM

PRESENT: Casey Church, Mark Dunham, Peggy Krenz, Barbara Doddek, Judi Ewert, Sarah Grace, Paula Steinert. Guest: Steve Linam representing Admin, and Doug Peterson for the Columbarium

Devotions were given by Steve Linam, reading Psalms 121 and 123, as taken from Lyric Psalms by Francis P. Sullivan

Discussion of an Alive Church: Peggy reported that Josh is doing well and just passed Greek! Sarah talked about her 4 generation wedding, with all the Scottish trappings. She treasures how her family has held together, both by grace and by effort. Judy talked of her very good friend who is now a Grandmother, and who captured generations in a photograph, just before the oldest member fell and is now dying. Casey talked of the wonder of a fresh peach as a gift from God, and Peggy and Mark spoke to the great weather this summer.

MEETING ACTIONS:

Presentation on Columbarium at CLC. Doug Peterson took on this project at Pastor Joene's request. An Episcopal church in Denver, and a Lutheran church in Taos, inspired Doug to see how good such a project can look. A standard design of a rock-faced tower with 70 spaces, and also a full-custom curved wall type, were shown by Doug, who has also talked to the factory for the standard units. Bare bones cost is in the range of \$37K to \$40K. Sally Rynott, Henry Nunes, and Doug are the team looking into this. Other up-front costs include a landscape design, an architectural plan, a P&Z review, and legal contract creation by a lawyer to allow persons to reserve spaces. Doug then asked if we could raise \$50K via a fund drive, since we now get ~2 gifts per year for the Columbarium. It seems we need to collect advance reservations to make this work, since we have no remaining Memorial funds.

Open issues: 1) Who is responsible if the church dissolves and sells the land? 2) Unknown costs could swamp the project. 3) Does the church really want this project?

We agreed to defer further consideration until the next meeting.

Review and approval of July 18, 2017 minutes: We reviewed Version 2, incorporating all comments received after the last meeting. Considerable discussion arose saying the description of the Chancel Redo was too general, and so the phrase "such as the Chancel" was replaced with "for the Sanctuary." **Sara moved, with Judy's second, to approve the minutes as amended y this meeting from Version 2, and this passed unanimously.**

Review & Approval of July 27, 2017 call meeting notes for Administrator Bonifer: We also reviewed Version 2 of this document, incorporating all comments since the last meeting. Steve moved, with Paula's second, to approve the minutes as amended in Version 2, which passed unanimously.

Financial:

-- **Understanding Church Financial Reporting (Steve L):** Steve noted that he will now give checkbook records each month, to one Council member for review and audit. This is a safety precaution he is doing as a precedent.

-- **Review July 2017 Fiscal Reports (Steve L):** Things look good in July, we had \$4795 of extra income. Income for the year is \$1074 low, and spending is \$749 under budget.

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--**Review of Global Mission Campaign & Special Fund Drives (Mark)** We will proceed with the YAGM campaign, and Mark will call out the target level needed to assure we receive a visit. If less is received then we will still give the received amount to YAGM. Mark will give Temple Talks on September 3 and 17.

Consideration of Motion on Renovation/Aesthetic Changes to Worship Space (Peggy): Mark's slightly revised version 2 was circulated, with Peggy's blessing on the changes. Steve F. spoke on behalf of Pastor Joene and himself, that the heart of worship is not a building, but its activity. After much discussion, several changes were made to this revised document, striking "the heart of any parish is its worship space" from the first paragraph, and clarifying the intent be for the Sanctuary and its furnishings

Moved by Mark with second by Judi, to accept Version 3 as created tonight, and forward to Pastor Joene and the W&A team for further review and approval. Passed unanimously.

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 report. **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.**
- **Parish Nurse and Health Ministry:** No report or discussion
- **Stewardship:** No report expected or given
- **Worship & Music:** No report. **See Pastor's Report for more info.**

RESOURCE 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:

Health Ministry: None received

Admin Report: None received.

Welcoming & Aesthetics: Update report received from Paula. The report primarily consists of requests for action to PMT, from W&A. The proper way to surface these requests is the subject of an August 29 special meeting between the teams. We are grateful that Teri Brown has enough time to largely fill the gap between the two teams, performing many small to moderate improvements around CLC.

Property & Maintenance Team: Verbal report given by Mark, documented here. The new front door lock has now been operational since July 20, and functions well mechanically, however it does work differently than before. It is now possible to leave the door unlocked, without using the hex key inside, if the key is removed while in the open position. This is an intentional feature for classroom-style doors, not an error. However now CLC must decide upon an operations procedure for all persons opening the church. Most easy would be to ask all who open it, to immediately lock it again, using the key, and then either block it open or use the hex key to lock it open. However with training perhaps all can learn to lock the church on exit, using the function as designed. There is remaining work for the W&A team here, since some delicate grain color matching must be applied to the patch Steve and Mark had to install, and ornamental clavos or other decorations are needed to cover at least one whole through the door.

Other than Teri Brown, PMT and W&A have no person with the same time to offer as Josh Krenz did. As such, new ways to prioritize both time and expense must be found, hence a joint meeting of the two teams has been called for August 29. As in many other churches, if we cannot find volunteer help, we may have to hire professional help, and then ration it carefully to fit the budgets of each team. PMT has no allocated funds for

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other than repairs, and cosmetic upgrades were assumed to be W&A province, when they were formed with Roof Fund monies. There is a mostly unspent budget in Line 7375, Welcoming & Aesthetics.

The sound system has been permanently relocated to the front of the chancel, out of sight in the sacristy area. A spare piano bench now holds the equipment, and the final wiring to remote the sound to the speaker switch in back has been received, but not installed. Upgrade to new wireless microphones must also happen, and then after regular use is established by Worship, we can begin looking a Hearing Assistance and remote sound to other rooms.

Pastor's Report: In Pastor Joene's absence at this meeting, we only did cursory review of the submitted report. Casey noted that 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas are the same day.

Meeting was adjourned by acclamation, and Casey's blessing, at 8:15 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,
Mark Dunham
Secretary**

Pastor's Report - August 2017

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: 0

Weddings: 0

Future:

- Identifying CLC values to form a current mission statement – action for this summer
- Joint W&A/P&M Teams meeting on August 29th. I've called this meeting to hopefully resolve ongoing conflict by identifying shared values and revisiting their charters.

Faith Formation

- Re Church Leadership Institute; I've registered Lara Gooding, Stephen Linam, and myself. First event is September 16th. We will hear after August 15th if the CLI will happen – there is a minimum # of participants required
- New member recognition for sometime in September
- Have been showing Bishop Jim's Gifts of the ELCA. Will move to ??? for Adult Forum

Inreach/Worship

- Joint CLC/Church of the Servant picnic at Hyde Park is August 27th. Church of the Servant is host this year
- Changing opening litany and service music as of Sept 3rd, will use until season of Advent
- Reformation Sunday – October 29th, only one service at ? (9:30 prelude, 9:45 service begins)–
 - brat dinner after, organized by Peggy Krenz
- 4th Sunday in Advent and Christmas Eve are the same day – discuss services
- Wireless mics – headsets, have two, still need to test for trial

Outreach

- The Refugee and Immigrant Journey will be August 25th, organized by Scott Carlisle
- Immigration Special Fund SF update - a total of \$495 was donated
- September 3rd, focus on Young Adult Global Mission, Mark Dunham is leading
- September 10th God's Work, Our Hands Sunday – local hunger and refugee/immigration advocacy letter writing opportunities

Misc

- CLC Cleaning Action Team – Steve Linam has called the first meeting for August 16
- Bishop's Theological Conference is Sept 18-21st in Colorado Springs – I am attending
- Continuing Ed reading days for August 24-25th – if I'm feeling myself
- Transition from Gloria to Debbie in the CLC office is moving well. Special thanks to Teri Brown and to Stephen Linam for their help. Debbie says everyone has been most welcoming.
- I want to take off Sunday October 8th, my last of four vacation Sundays. Peter and I will be taking a long weekend. I am also taking off Sept 13 – 15th (Wed-Friday)
- I shared Sunday Aug 13th about my current bout with depression (I think a medicine side-effect). I hope to be able to report how long this depression might last at the meeting.