

CtK December 2020 Council Minutes

Group CtK Congregation Council
Date December 15, 2020
Present Dale Erickson, Chris Frost, Pr. Peter Hanson, Karen Hillerman, Brett Kosec, Jill Loegering, Dawn Ralston, Diane Shallue, Maria Tenorio
Not Present Peachu Yates, Pr. John Schwehn
Guest(s) Pepe Demarest, Ana Becerra

<u>Discussion Topic</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Call to Order at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom	Brett Kosec
Devotions – Prayers & Reflections of Hope – shifting feelings with news of vaccines and final electoral college results	Brett
<p>Pastors' Reports (summaries of oral reports written by secretary, Jill Loegering)</p> <p><u>Pastor Peter</u> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We are in a busy week of activity: We're taping Christmas Eve services this Tuesday and taping the regular Sunday worship service on Wednesday, as usual. Pre-recording worship has been innovative and yet meaningful as well. The risks of doing things differently are necessary. We feel they are going well and have been well received. ○ Administrative details– budgets will be leaner for 2021 since giving is down. We are still hoping more pledges will be turned in during the next 2 weeks. (It would be helpful in budgeting if we knew whether they are coming late or not at all.) ○ COVID Relief fund – requests are trickling for COVID-related financial assistance after 10 months of the COVID pandemic. ○ Pastoral care needs are many, Advent/Christmas can be a difficult time. <p><u>Ana Becerra, Cristo Rey</u> –</p> <p>I have had similar situations as Pastor Peter mentioned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Members of Cristo Rey are suffering from the health and financial crisis that occurs for minorities who, if they still have jobs, work in "Essential" jobs with lower pay and higher risks. It's a time of high anxiety for all of us. ○ Many of our members have read/heard a lot of bad misinformation which they don't understand and are very upset. We have to try to help them access accurate information. ○ Cristo Rey has raised \$1,100 to divide and send to 2 places: Honduras for hurricane relief and Ecuador for educating children who don't have easy access to schools. ○ Soon I will be starting CPE training (Clinical Pastoral Education) which will restrict my hours. <p><u>Pepe Demarest</u>, Pastoral Intern –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I am finishing my CPE now. My cohort and I are still working together and will register for our final semester. Our pastor-led CtK small group is still meeting, along with my other responsibilities here. It's a busy time! 	
<p>Financial Report</p> <p>Overall, we are in good standing. Though our income has been reduced for many of the past months, our expenses have also been reduced, resulting in a small positive net balance. We</p>	Dale Pr. Peter

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<p>expect additional year-end giving, and believe we'll end the year "in the black," even if our loose offering and seasonal offerings remain lower than projected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The November 2020 budget has been met. Move to approve the budget as presented, made/second by Diane/Karen. Approved unanimously. 	
<p>Discussion Topics for 2021</p> <p>Council member role definitions/understanding-</p> <p>Typically, there is a "council retreat" every year for the newly elected & continuing members of the Congregational Council. The purpose is to know one another better and to participate as a group in understanding how the governance of the church and our responsibilities meld. This retreat didn't happen in February 2020 due to COVID, but it should be done via Zoom after the 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting, part 1 in Feb. It's a very helpful process to see ourselves in the big picture and how it functions.</p> <p>Identify ideas for more council interaction with Ctk groups / committees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The role of the church council has changed over the years. Last year we focused on the bigger picture - our Ctk vision for itself and our 4 primary values as determined by the congregation's listening sessions. ○ This year, identify how we as the council (particularly the at-large Council members) to further collaboration with these groups/committees & act as liaisons. Leaders (of these groups) could rotate as "guests" attending Council meetings on a monthly basis, as well additional visits any time situations/questions arise. ○ Host a virtual Ministry Summit that would include all who are interested in Ctk's ministry. This group should include and involve: all age groups, all backgrounds and interests, all who would like to play a part in the "bigger picture" of serving God and those around us as part of our Vision as a Congregation. Large group with small break-out groups... 	All
Sending Prayer	Diane
Adjourn at 8:00 p.m.	Brett

Next Meeting Tuesday, **January 19**, 2020 at **6:00pm** – Zoom