## **CtK Meeting Minutes**

**Group:** CtK Congregational Council

Date: September 15, 2015

Board Members Present: Isaac van Bruggen, Mark Chace, Kristen Goligowski, Pr. Peter Hanson, Pr. Deborah

Birkeland, Robert Moreno, Kristine Frost, Pr. Hannah Johnson, Joann Knuth, Scott Black

Members Not Present: Kirk Kleckner, Kevin Ebben, Nick Clark

| <u>Discussion Topic</u>  | <u>Leader</u>                      |
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| Call to order at 6:05  | Kristen                            |
| Devotions – Jesus Freak by Sarah Mills   | Pr. Peter                          |
| Time to celebrate Pastor Hannah  | All                                |
| <ol> <li>Pastor's Reports – followed written reports</li> <li>Safe Haven policy being implemented for those who work with youth.</li> <li>Staff is doing well as they being their new roles.</li> <li>Rally day was awesome! Collaboration for getting the service ready went well too.</li> <li>Pr. Hannah's transition is going smoothly.</li> <li>Pr. Deb is grateful for the Lay Shepherds who help with regular visitations, as she has been busy with funerals. There will be a special service later this month "Special Services for Prayers for Healing and Remembrance" that Deb will lead.</li> <li>Grief-share and Growing through Loss will both be offered this fall.</li> <li>Older adult advisory team is forming for programming on Wednesday afternoons for those 55+.</li> </ol>  | Pr. Peter<br>Pr. Hannah<br>Pr. Deb |
| Kirk was not present but sent this update via email:  The August financial statements were reviewed by the Finance Committee in detail last night. As I was not there, the following reflect only my comments:  After eight months our CTK revenue results continue to trend with our 2016 budget. Our year-to-date offerings are approximately \$37,000 lower than the same point last year.  Our operating expenses continue to trend at a lower level than last year. After eight-months our operating expenses are approximately \$66,000 lower than the same point last year.  As of August 31 <sup>st</sup> our remaining 2015 calendar year unpaid operating pledges were approximately \$225,000. These unpaid pledges represent 26% of the total 2015 operating pledges. To compare, we have 33% of the 2015 months remaining (September through December). Thanks to those that have paid ahead as it helps our cash flow during the typically slow cash flow months in late Summer and Fall.  We have approximately \$83,000 of outstanding capital pledges for the 2012-2014 calendar years. For those with outstanding pledges, we appreciate your upcoming payments as this campaign period comes to a close. For those that have paid in full THANK YOU!! | Kirk                               |

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| Call Process update for the associate pastor   | Pr. Peter     |
| We get guidance from the Synod about the process, including the list of potential candidates and overall timing, but the final decisions about call committee, interviews, and whom to call are up to CtK Pr. Peter is meeting with 2 interim associate pastor candidates this week. They would both be available for a start date in mid-October. The synod would allow us to consider these candidates for the permanent position as well. |               |
| Kairos update  | Pr. Peter     |
| Based on conversations that Kristin W had with the smaller committee, we are focusing on the annual stewardship appeal. We will still talk about the upcoming capital campaign. We will roll out the campaign after October 11. There will be faith stories during the Sunday services in between, stories of compassion. November 8 will be Commitment Sunday.  | Mark          |
| The mission assessment profile (MAP) will start this Friday and go through October 9. Results from MAP will be shared at a leadership summit of congregational council, stewardship committee and foundation members. The summit is scheduled for Oct 21, 6-7:30.  |               |
| Nominating Committee update/discussion   | Scott         |
| Lisa Howard will be setting up dates for the next couple meetings.   | Kristen       |
| Outgoing positions up for January elections:   |               |
| President Elect  |               |
| Council member – 3-year term (2)   |               |
| Auditor  |               |
| Nominating Committee   |               |
| Secretary (Kristine may run again)   |               |
| Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer  | Kristen       |

Next Meeting: October 20, 2015 @ 6 pm Devotions for the next meeting: Isaac