



**CHRISTIANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**September 6th, 2016  
Minutes**

President – Andrew Wilkins	P	Vice-President - Bruce Mohn	P	Pastor David Mesaros	P
Alan Ritchie (at large)	A	Treasurer – Rachel Fausch	P	Secretary – Greg Silus	P
Kim Robertson (at large)	P	Scott Selkirk (at large)	P		
Christian Donovan (at large)	P	Lee Braun (at large)	P		

**Call To Order:** President Andrew Wilkins called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. As there were enough Executive Council members present

1. **Devotions:** Dwelling in the Word: 1 Corinthians 12
2. **Approved Agenda for: September 6th, 2016**  
**Motion made by Kim Robertson and seconded by Bruce Mohn to approve the agenda as distributed at the meeting with the following additions: none**  
 Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
3. **Approve Minutes from August 2nd, 2016.**  
**Motion made by Greg Silus and seconded by Lee Braun to approve minutes from July 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 with the following corrections: none**  
 Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Council Information and Reports**
  - a. **Treasurer’s Report:** See Attached  
**Discussion:** Rachel Fausch went over the highlights:  
  
**Motion made by Scott Selkirk and seconded by Kim Robertson to receive the Treasurers report as presented. Summary for Treasurers Month Ending August, 31st**  
 Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**b. Pastor's Report:** see entire report below

Highlights discussed:

Matt Steinbron started in August

Confirmation meeting coming up, curriculum is new.

reviewed Spark Bibles to be used

Sunday School is the class-room model

Personnel Committee – ask Matt to sign the Personnel Handbook document

Bruce & Andrew will engage committee members to meet with Matt

Discussion about CYF search – Kim R. provided details

Stewardship Committee – Fall push - 2% increase request.

Membership Committee – experiment/forum – Islam – 3 parts

Nursery – not staffed at this time, previous attempts have been made

Putting words up on wall for second service only – may need some funding for software

**Motion made by Greg Silus and seconded by Bruce Mohn to receive the Pastor's Report**

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**c. CYF Leader Report:** - No report

**d. Ministry Board Report and Ministry Team Reports:** N/A

**e. Property Committee Report:** see report below

**5. Action Items from**

**Ministry Board and Ministry Team – none**

**Action Items from Property Committee:**

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Christiania Lutheran Church Council hereby approves the Christiania Lutheran Church Burial Policy, as presented on September 6, 2016, and hereby directs future burial receipts to be split 50/50 with the Foundation and Cemetery Maintenance/Expense account.

Motion not passed for above topic. Concerns/recommendations:

- Recommended implementation date of: January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017
- Adding a third rate for General Public, higher than that of “Non-active” members
- Terminology to align with Constitution, regarding description of member classifications.
- Look at what actual fees are for other cemeteries, to know market pricing & how it compares to ours
- Bruce Mohn to work with Property Committee on details mentioned above

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Christiania Lutheran Church Council hereby approves the establishment of a Columbarium, Peace Garden, Memory Wall Fund Raiser. Notice of this fund raiser will be placed in the October Newsletter.

Motion not passed for above topic. Concerns/recommendations:

- Fund Raiser description not well received
- Recommended the \$1000 to be used for research into this proposed addition
- Executive Council would need more information, like on pricing, etc...to go on before a decision can be made

**Motion made by Christian Donovan and seconded by Greg Silus that the Christiania Lutheran Church Executive Council agrees to some alternative plan for the ballpark, which does not involve future ongoing maintenance**

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## 6. Old Business:

- a. CYF Position updates
  - i. 2 candidates interviewed so far. 1 not selected, and 1 new applicant.
  - ii. No one quite the 'fit' just yet for our CYF.
- b. Replacement computers for Counters and Sunday School – Greg Silus
  - i. One of the computers has been allocated for use by Matt SteinBron
  - ii. The other computer may very well be used by the Sunday School Superintendent
  - iii. Recommendation for purchasing another computer in FY2017 for the Counters will be provided in October 2016

## 7. New Business

- a. Update from the Bishop – Members Forum in 1 of 2 methods:
  - i. Staff from the Bishop's office visits Christiania. Christiania then must follow the Bishops recommendation, no option for Christiania to alter the plan.
  - ii. 2-4 assistants from the Bishops office visit for listening sessions for a total of 3 hours
    1. Members will be scheduled for 15 minutes of 1-on-1 time
    2. Proposed Date/Times: Saturday: October 15<sup>th</sup> or 8th – 11-2pm
    3. Interested members call Linda for an appt

President Wilkins will provide the Bishop with proposed dates for the listening sessions.
- b. Building alarm – Pastor Dave explained the recent situation and no further action needed by the Executive Council on this matter
- c. CYF Interim - Joe Jorgenson letter – see attached below for the details.

**Motion made by Kim Robertson and seconded by Christian Donovan that the Christiania Lutheran Church Council hereby approves interim hiring of Joe Jorgenson as the CYF Leader, until the position is permanently filled, for 20 hours of service per week at a rate of \$22/hr.**

- d. Sunday School Fees

“Fee” name to be changed to “Voluntary Contribution” in the documentation  
Money taken in for Sunday School is indeed used by the Sunday School operations  
Newsletter will have: “Where your money goes for Sunday School Voluntary Contribution”

## 8. Set Agenda for Next Meeting: Tuesday Oct 4th, 2016 – Old Business from previous meeting and/or other input provided to the Executive Council Secretary

- a. CYF hiring update
- b. Update from Bishop
- c. Budget
- d. Personnel Committee update
- e. Cemetery update
- f. PORTICO Election for 2017

## 9. Adjournment:

**Motion made by Kim Robertson and seconded by to Scott Selkirk to adjourn the meeting**

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

## **10. Meeting closed in joining in the Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Silus Executive Council Secretary

*Christiania... We start with Christ - In our caring; in our serving; In our growing.*