

Creator Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
September 11, 2014  
7PM – 8:30PM

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Katrina Minton-Davis	Kevin Davis
Nikole Spenny	Tom Barr
Marcie Reid	Sara Mahnke
Ron Noborikawa	Jan Shabro
Pastor Heidi Calhoun	

**Devotions:** Katrina opened the meeting at 7:05 with a reading from I Corinthians 12: 4 and a brief comment about being spiritual versus religious (essentially the same, but perceived differently). This led to a short bio on Johann Sebastian Bach and how we see him as a musical genius, but his contemporaries were far less impressed and only acknowledged him, saying “He could play the organ, but he was no math teacher . . . “ We all have gifts, but some go unnoticed and it is a reminder to use the gifts we have been given.

Meeting minutes were amended to remove Pastor Elaine as she was not present, and correcting the spelling of Nikole’s name. Motion to accept the minutes and seconded (Nikole and Marcie, respectively) and motioned passed.

**Pastor Heidi’s report:** Lots of pastoral calls; Shared status of Joyce, Frank, Rexanne, and others which could not be shared at this time. Pastor has met with each Creator staff member individually and as an entire staff. Their meetings will be more regular, formal, with agendas. Very positive thus far, and Pr. Heidi feels good about staff and relationships being built. She has met with some of the ministry teams and have a few more team meetings on the calendar for the near future. Will use these to assess needs, direction, and role, and then bring that to the council retreat to begin work on moving forward. Pastor Heidi thought she had a possible interim for the music director role, but the timing wasn’t right. The person may be interested when we are ready to begin our search for a more permanent director.

**Treasurer’s report:** Not ready for this meeting as there was insufficient time between availability of the books, individual schedules, to make it work. She will send out information when it is pulled together. Shared the concept of a “Dream Fund” – this would add a line item in the budget to gather “seed money” or pooling of a “slush fund” to fund possible growth to ministry teams vision and goals that are currently beyond their budgets. This would give ministry teams permission to envision greater possibilities for our ministry at Creator. Upcoming timeline: Council retreat, Oct. 3-4, therefore, cancel October 9<sup>th</sup> council meeting Finance committee to meet in October and likely call for a special Council meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to review their work in preparation for the church budget in December.

**Ministry reports:** Brief summaries provided on Youth and Family, Stewardship, and Adult Ed. Discussed a possible change to the ministry teams reporting process: Reports would be sent by committee chairs to council president sometime in the same week of their meeting but no later than a week before council meeting. These would be read ahead of time by council members and passed as a consent agenda at the council meeting. Reports would not be read at meeting. However, action required by the council or if a motion needed to be brought to the council, they would be highlighted in the report and

the president would get those on the agenda. We will bring up this reporting format to ministry teams at the next quarterly report.

**Other Business:** Council retreat. Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at Jan Shabro's home, 6-9 PM. Marcie and Nikole will contact Jan to confirm the menu responsibilities and be responsible for a socializing (ice-breaker) activity. Continue retreat at Messiah Lutheran in Auburn on the 4th. 9AM to 12PM with council and call committee members, 12PM to 3PM with council members.

**Next Meeting:** Council Retreat, Oct 3, 6PM

Closed with prayer concerns and adjourned at 8:24PM