

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2021**

1. Meeting Called to Order

President Olga Blanchard called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Present: Ann Bruce, Connie Sornsin, Gayle Williams, Pastor Jeff Gallen, Judy Turnen, Kay Myers, Olga Blanchard, Su Erickson

Absent: Elizabeth Richardson, Mike Berg

Vacant Positions: Stewardship, Building and Maintenance

Guest: Intern Dan Weichart

A quorum was present for the purpose of conducting business.

2. Opening Prayer

Pastor Jeff presented the new intern, Dan Weichart, to the Council. Intern Dan greeted the Council and provided a brief introduction of himself.

Pastor Jeff then led the Council in opening prayer.

3. Approval of the February 18, 2021 Minutes

Motion: Kay Myers moved to approve the February 18, 2021, Council minutes. Connie Sornsin seconded. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ann Bruce explained Profit and Loss Statement ending February 28, 2021. Ann stated both income and expenses were down for the month.

5. IT Report

Jim Erickson provided an update, stating the PBX phone system has been paid off, the office computers have been updated and the internet speed has been increased. He also describe upcoming projects, including moving the internet domain and combining the two church Facebook pages into one.

6. Alleluia Report

The next meeting with Alleluia Lutheran church will be June 7 at 3:30 p.m. Pastor Jeff stated that one of Alleluia's missions is to collect and distribute diapers and asked that CELC participate to this ministry. Dan Weichart will be assisting with responsibilities at Alleluia and there will be ongoing discussion on how to best utilize his services. Pastor Jeff will be at Alleluia the first and third Sundays of the month.

7. Audit Report

Ann Bruce and Jim Erickson discussed the audit report. Jim summarized the findings of the Audit Committee, stating they found the church staff to be professional and competent and

there were no issues. They did make a recommendation to tighten up the usage of the church credit card. A follow up report will be provided in upcoming Council minutes.

8. Synod Assembly

The Synod Assembly will be held via Zoom this year, and two attendees from CELC will be needed. The dates of the assembly will be June 12 and 13, 2021. May 7 is the deadline for registration, and the registration fee is \$105.00.

Connie Sornsins volunteered to attend, and Olga stated she may be able to as well.

9. Building and Maintenance

The following items were reported:

- The pigeon problem will be taken care of this month.
- Lockboxes in Building A electric outlets have been completed.
- The gopher situation is being treated.
- Digital signs may not be put up outside of the church, however, a non-digital sign will be put up outside of the sanctuary.
- The kitchen, the double doors to the classrooms, the sanctuary, restrooms and pantry will be marked with signage.

Jim Erickson and Ken Olson conducted an audit of the key card access and suspended accesses as needed.

Motion: Connie Sornsins moved that \$25 will be charged when a key card is issued to church tenants. The money will be put into a fund to pay for replacement key cards. Kay Myers seconded. Motion carried.

The Council will conduct a walkabout of the property to discuss improved lighting.

10. Closing Prayer

Intern Dan led the Council in closing prayer.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Gayle Williams, Council Secretary