

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order by council President Su Erickson at 10:35 a.m., followed by an opening prayer by Judy Turpen.

PRESENT: Su Erickson, Judy Turnen, Carol Moonan, Ann Bruce, John Brown, Judy Turpen, Randy Heibel (via phone), Magan Ratalasky, Pastor Dr. Jeff Gallen, and Jo-Ann Wordell.

ABSENT: Kathy Williams and Gene Myers

MOTION: Carol Moonan made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2024 meeting; Judy Turnen seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: John Brown presented the financial reports for March 2024. He also stated that all the required financial reports have been submitted. In addition, he noted that he oversees the lease agreements with all the leasees, including the newest addition, Iglesia Cristiana Valle De Beraca. John also noted that the audit team will be meeting next week.

Ann reported that one of the solar invoice payments was not received; Randy will look into this.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The council had asked Jim Erickson to check with Johnson Controls on the possibility of submitting a larger upfront payment (additional funds after the contract is signed to reduce our monthly payment) for the new security system for both buildings; Jim made the inquiry, but Johnson Controls denied the request. It will be 6-8 weeks before the new system can be installed.

Ann Bruce and Sharoll Blodgett are the delegates to the Synod Assembly on June 13-15, 2024.

Su provided a list of congregation members who will serve on the transition team: Pastor Phil Gustafson (synod coach), Ann Bruce (chair), Judy Turpen, Karen Olson, Stevie Henderson, Patsy Blankenship, Jim Erickson (IT) and Olga Blanchard. It was suggested that updates be provided to congregation members periodically via emails, separate from the weekly emails. The installation of this transition team is tentatively scheduled for May 5, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS: none

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Buildings and Grounds (Randy) – Su provided a handout of updates for buildings and grounds (handout is attached to these minutes). In addition, one of the kitchen refrigerators is

malfunctioning and needs attention, and a fan in one of the bathrooms needs repair; this is the church's responsibility and will be addressed.

Evangelism (Judy Turnen) – There were 4 new people received into membership last week. She reported that their meeting (New Member Exploration) was good.

Health (Kathy Williams) – Su reported that the 4 medical waste containers and all first aid supplies were updated, per council authorization at the March meeting.

Stewardship (Judy Turpen) – Judy distributed handouts concerning Time and Talent, as well as other opportunities for member participation in church activities. It was suggested that these forms be handed out as people arrive for a service, in anticipation of more members filling out the forms, resulting in greater participation, including updating giving options. It was also suggested that new member meetings be called “information” meetings, rather than “new member” meetings.

Education (Magan Ratalisky) – The rain put a bit of damper on the outdoor Easter Egg hunt, but we switched gears and held it in the sanctuary. Sunday School will continue 2nd and 4th Sundays. All children and youth are assisting Patsy Blankenship assemble Manna bags on Sunday, April 28th.

Outreach (Su) – Su reported that the congregation continues to serve 75-80 families weekly through the outreach food pantry program. St. Mary's Food Bank is a major contributor to this program. In addition, the March Madness Cereal Brackets resulted in 62 boxes of cereal being donated to the program.

Worship (Carol) – Carol asked that the Time and Talent sheet which Judy Turpen distributed include an option for ushering, serving on the altar guild, and serving as communion assistants. It was also suggested that the quilts which the quilting group creates be “blessed” during a church service prior to distribution.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2024.

Following a prayer from Pastor Gallen, a motion to adjourn was made by Judy Turpen and seconded by Magan Ratalisky. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectively submitted,
Jo-Ann Wordell