

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2021**

1. Meeting Called to Order

President Olga Blanchard called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Present: Ann Bruce, Connie Sornsins, Dan Weichart, Deb Glass, Elizabeth Richardson, Gayle Williams, Pastor Jeff Gallen, Judy Turnen, Kay Myers, Ken Olson, Mike Berg, Olga Blanchard, Su Erickson

Vacant Positions: Stewardship, Building and Maintenance

A quorum was present for the purpose of conducting business.

2. Opening Prayer

Intern Dan Weichart led the council in opening prayer.

3. Approval of the April 15, 2021 Minutes

Motion: Connie Sornsins moved to approve the April 15, 2021, council minutes. Kay Myers seconded. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ann Bruce gave the council an overview of the current profit and loss statement, the balance sheet, and the cash on hand document. Ann noted that the churches' finances are in good shape.

5. Old Business

a. Lighting

President Blanchard reported there have been several meetings with Red Mountain Lighting and she shared the work estimates they provided. The work being considered is to convert the bathroom lighting to LED, to install LED floodlights on Building A and the front and back of Building B, and sconces on Building A.

b. Signage

President Blanchard shared the signage quote for the sanctuary, classrooms, kitchen and building B. The quote is \$3,135.22.

Motion: Su Erickson moved to approve the expense to complete the recommended signage. Connie Sornsens seconded. Motion carried.

c. Facilities Report

The following items were discussed:

- the front of Building A's sanctuary has been painted;
- the pigeon determinant is completed;
- two air conditioners have been replaced;

- new cameras will be purchased and Jim Erickson and Deb Glass will provide the security review oversight;
- the drain in the kitchen needs to be cleaned out;
- there is a toilet in the ladies rest room that is leaking and needs repair;
- and, tamper proof thermostat covers will be installed.

6. New Business

a. Grant

Dan Weichart reported that he completed a grant request for funds to be used for security cameras and training for “centering prayer.”

b. Fellowship

The council discussed the best location to have the after-service fellowship that would allow the congregation to sit and enjoy fellowship. The option of having a coffee truck arrive at the end of service was also discussed. No decisions were made.

c. Can Collection

The council discussed setting up a can collection. The collected funds would be used for improving the campus.

d. Quarter Program

Currently only two families are continuing the monthly quarter program. Other options were discussed.

e. Rides to Church

Judy Turnen discussed making it easier for the elderly to attend church. This could be accomplished by creating a list of those in need of a ride and finding volunteers to pick them up for Sunday services.

f. Central Theme Development

Judy Turnen and Su Erickson discussed establishing a central theme for the congregation and creating new brochures and updating current ones to promote volunteering for different ministries and activities in the church.

Also discussed was the displaying of historical pictures of the church and the processes of restarting different programs post Covid.

7. Next Meeting

The next council meeting will be held on June 17. There will be no meeting in July.

8. Closing Prayer

Pastor Jeff led the council in closing prayer. He reminded the council to remember the global village in prayer.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Gayle Williams, Council Secretary