

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2024

At 10:25 a.m., Council President Su Erickson called the meeting to order with an opening prayer read by Judy Turpen.

PRESENT: Su Erickson, Judy Turnen, Judy Turpen, Randy Heibel, Magan Ratafsky, Pastor Dr. Jeff Gallen, Ann Bruce, Kathy Williams, Gene Myers, and Jo-Ann Wordell.

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Carol Moonan and John Brown

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A motion was made by Gene Myers and seconded by Judy Turnen to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2024 council meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Ann Bruce reported that the July and August financial statements were in line based on where the financial statements should be based on prior years. John Brown, treasurer, will be back in Arizona by mid-October. Budget preparation for the next fiscal year is in the beginning stages.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Solar – We have exhausted all avenues in recovering the lost solar expense as it would cost CELC more to file a lawsuit than we would recover. The Council agreed that we should just put it behind us and move on. Randy is looking for a commercial solar company that will work with the church.

Nominating committee – Su reported that two outgoing members of Council and three members of the congregation will be asked to serve on this committee in preparation for soliciting congregation members willing to serve on church council beginning in January 2025.

Transition update - Ann reported that there will be a transition session on September 29 following the worship service for the congregation to review CELC history timeline and identify photographs. Su reported that she spoke with Bishop Hutterer this past week. The Bishop will attend worship October 27 to deliver Pastor Jeff's Farewell and Godspeed. The Bishop indicated that she had an interim pastor for CELC. Su will make contact this week and then notify the Council.

Fellowship event - Gene reported that a band that he manages, Latitude 33, will put on a concert on Saturday, October 19th, between 5 and 8 p.m. This event will be a celebration of Pastor Jeff's 25 yrs at CELC. It was decided that it will be a potluck event and Magan will assist with signup sheets, as well as organize children's activities for the evening. There will be a \$10 cover charge (children free)

Buildings and Grounds (Randy Heibel) – Randy distributed a handout (which is attached to these minutes) detailing the updates on the projects that he is working on, including the solar project (see notes above regarding the solar project).

Evangelism (Judy Turnen) – The council discussed a new member orientation. While there are not many potential new members, it was suggested that we wait until the snowbirds are back and then determine when a new member orientation needs to be held.

Health (Kathy Williams) – Kathy reported that she is still waiting to hear from the West Valley Lutheran Thrift Shop about our grant request.

Education (Magan Ratalosky) – Magan is working with Carol Moonen to set up a kids' corner to accommodate younger members of the congregation during church services. She also indicated that she has inventoried the supplies and has discarded out of date or no longer needed supplies. She also suggested that the council consider purchasing kid-friendly step stools for the restrooms. Randy will look into this. Su asked Magan to talk with Miloy about a Children's Christmas program.

Stewardship (Judy Turpen) – none

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Outreach (Su Erickson) – Su reported that the number of families being served by the outreach program is slightly increasing and may continue to do so as the weather cools off and more families are back in the area. She also noted that supplies from St. Mary's Food Bank are now being delivered weekly rather than every other week.

Worship (Carol Moonan) – none

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next council meeting will be held on October 20, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER: Following a closing prayer, Randy made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Kathy, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo-Ann Wordell, Council Secretary

Attachment: Randy Heibel's report