

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2024

Called to order by Su Erickson at 10:32am

In attendance: Pastor Jeff Gallen, Randy Heibel, Magan Ratafsky, Su Erickson, Judy Turpen, Cher Johnson, Ann Bruce, Kathy Williams, Judy Turnen, and John Brown.

- Absent: Jim Harmon
- Vacant position: Youth and Worship

Opening Prayer by Su Erickson.

Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2023: No additions or corrections upon review. Motion to approve by Judy Turpen. Seconded by Randy Heibel.

Review of November and December Financial Reports

- John Brown and Ann Bruce presented a review of EOY 2023 financial reports. The full report will be presented at the budget forum and annual meeting.
- The 6- month CD matured December 29 and the funds were placed in the Chase designated account to use for the sewer project. The interest earned from the CD was close to \$3,000.
- John Brown presented the 2024 Mission Spending Plan. Motion by Cher Johnson to approve the 2024 Mission Spending Plan. Seconded by Judy Turnen. Motion approved. Full year 2023 budget and actuals will be presented at the budget forum and the congregation will vote on it at the annual meeting.
- Randy Heibel motioned to consolidate the designated funds into (3) different buckets: solar, outreach, and discretionary. Seconded by Kathy Williams. Motion approved.
- A significant portion of the designated funds were spent on the sewer project and the remaining balance is now less than \$60k. Requests to spend from the discretionary fund should be submitted to the Council for consideration and approval. The finance team will manage the fund recordkeeping.
- 2023 contribution statements will be distributed next Sunday, January 21.

Council Reports

- Education (Magan)
 - Jennifer Cole is assisting with Sunday school for the older kids.
- Fellowship (Cher)
 - Advent dinner went well and thankful for the great attendance.
- Outreach (Su)
 - 25% increase in households served over 2023; 26% increase in individuals.
- Evangelism (Judy Turnen)
 - Next book exchange is planned for February 4th
- Health (Kathy)

- Informal newsletter was sent out with information such as responsible disposal of medication.
- Stewardship (Judy Turpen)
 - Fry's is a registered sponsor and can take the spot for Amazon.
- Facilities (Randy)
 - Sewer project has been completed and insurance claim has been submitted.
 - Solar project will resume shortly now that sewer project is complete.
 - Hood in the kitchen failed the health inspection. Randy to follow-up on how to resolve the electrical concern.
- Worship (Vacant)
 - No report out.
- Youth (Vacant)
 - No report out.

Unfinished Business

- Office Manager role will be posted; Role is 10-12 hours a week, 2-3 days a week.
- Transition process (to call a new pastor) will be on the annual meeting agenda. There is a new interim director of transition at GC Synod. More details to follow.
- Nominating committee work is complete.
- Review of the church directory and roster is on-going by Pastor Jeff, Jim Erickson, and Ann Bruce.

New Business

- Jim Erickson is evaluating the AV equipment in Building A sanctuary.
- Lent and Easter service schedule is being discussed. Aiming for more of a contemporary service style for midweek services.
 - Ash Wednesday is scheduled for February 14th
 - Easter is scheduled for March 31st

Announcements:

- Budget review forum will be January 21, 2024
- Annual meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2024 with congregation; special council meeting will be immediately after service on January 28th.
- Next council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 11th, 2024.
- AARP tax assistance will begin renting our space on Feb 6th in Bldg A Fellowship Hall.

Motion to adjourn council meeting by Cher Johnson. Seconded by Randy Heibel. Meeting adjourned at 11:37am.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Jeff

Respectfully submitted, Magan Ratafsky, Acting Secretary.