

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2022

- 1. Call to order** Meeting was called to order at 10:42 am
- 2. Opening prayer** By Pastor Gallen
- 3. Present** Magan Ratalasky, Olga Blanchard, Elizabeth Richardson, Pastor Gallen, Jim Harmon, Randy Heibel, Ann Bruce, Judy Turnen, Cher Johnson, Su Erickson, Connie Sornsin (on phone).
Vacant: Outreach
Quorum present for purposes of conducting business.
- 4. Approval of August 14, 2022 minutes** Randy moved to accept the meeting minutes of August 18, 2022. Magan seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
- 5. Treasurer's Report** Ann presented the August Treasurer's Report. She reported that the financial balance from January to August this year is down about \$12,000 but the balance is in better shape than in the past month of July.

6. Council Reports

Buildings and Maintenance Randy highlighted items from his (emailed) report. The main item to address is the replacement of the backflow prevention valve originally quoted at a cost of \$11,765. Randy will seek another bid for this valve installation. The Council was happy with the congregation turnout for Randy's solar presentation. Jim Erickson also posted the information on the church's website for review.

Education (Magan) No report

Outreach Ann reported that St. Mary's is purchasing a freezer for CELC. Randy and Jonathan will review electrical requirements and a location for the freezer.

Evangelism Judy reported that we had 9 people attend our New Member Exploration class Saturday, Sept. 17.

Stewardship Connie discussed a possible campaign to increase automatic giving by congregation members. There will also be an increased emphasis on the giving of time and talent by members.

Fellowship Cher reported that 42-45 tickets have been sold to date for the October Jamboree. She also reported that there is money in the Fellowship fund and would like to purchase two benches to be placed outside near the building B entrance. The decision to purchase and where to place these benches remains to be made.

Worship Su and Pastor Jeff said that we are planning to return to traditional communion distribution and continue to offer prepackaged communion cups. Miloy is exploring the rental of an organ. There is an opportunity to purchase if we like the sound of it. He will also investigate the repair and sale of the electric piano.

Health Olga reported that she will be giving up the position as Parish Nurse at the end of the year.

Youth Elizabeth reported that confirmation will resume Oct. 2 and be held the first Sunday of every month from after service until about 1:00PM.

- 7. Unfinished Business** Su reported the CELC constitution will be reviewed, comparing it to the most recent (2022) ELCA model constitution. There have been several changes since our 2018 revision. Olga and Su will review the CELC constitution and bylaws for compatibility.

8. New Business

Security – Olga presented a security concern about allowing persons to use CELC showering facilities while members of opposite sexes are the only persons in the building at the time. After a brief discussion, there was a consensus to develop a shower policy around time of use and staffing.

9. Announcements

- a.** Randy reported that the church wide cleaning day will be November 12.
- b.** Jim Erickson and Jonathan Gonzalez are conducting a key inventory this fall.
- c.** Next council meeting Sunday, October 23 @ 10:15 a.m.

9. Closing Prayer by Pastor Gallen

- 10. Adjournment** Motion to adjourn was made by Olga and seconded by Cher to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Submitted by Jim Harmon, council secretary.