

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 19, 2021**

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**1. Meeting Called to Order**

President Olga Blanchard called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Present:** Ann Bruce, Connie Sornsins, Deb Glass, Elizabeth Richardson, Gayle Williams, Pastor Jeff Gallen, Judy Turnen, Kay Myers, 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**

Pastor Jeff led with a meditation followed by prayer.

**3. Approval of the May 20, 2021 and July 1, 2021 Minutes**

Motion: Key Myers moved to approve the May 20, 2021 and July 1, 2021, council minutes. Connie Sornsins 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 better shape than they were in the spring, with expenses running lower than budgeted and income higher for the month.

**5. Old Business**

**a. Lighting**

Lighting installation will be completed today, August 19. A door bell was installed on the office door.

**b. Visionary**

Pastor Jeff shared thoughts on the vision for CELC and Alleluia and the possibility of one ministry with two campuses. A team will be put together to explore the possibilities of this vision.

**c. Worship Calendar**

Su Erickson presented a draft worship calendar for the remainder of the year. September and October will be reserved for presentations to the congregation from each of the nine current ministries. The presentations will be given to welcome people back to church in the fall and inform them of all that is available in the different ministries.

Discussion of the second service resulted in a decision to stay with one service until the attendance numbers indicate the need for two.

Discussion of the continuation of the drive-up communion resulted in the decision that it will be continued, but since the numbers of attendees is down, the time-frame will be shortened to ½ hour.

**d. Fellowship**

Connie Sornsin continued the discussion of obtaining a coffee food truck for after service fellowship. It was determined that it currently is not a good idea because of Covid, however the idea will be pursued for a welcome back fellowship in the fall. Pastor will assist Connie with this endeavor.

Options were also discussed for this year's Advent Dinner. A committee will be put together to discuss.

**e. Evangelism**

Judy Turnen discussed different ideas for reaching out to the congregation. One of the things Judy would like to pursue is a focus on recognizing and welcoming veterans.

**f. Sunday School**

Mike Berg discussed when to reestablish Sunday School and the different formats that could be used to engage with the children. Holding school at a time other than Sunday service time or possibly a virtual class or a class held outdoors were also discussed.

**g. Health Ministry**

Olga reminded the council of the upcoming flu shots (September 14) and the upcoming Covid shots (September 11).

**h. Constitution**

Ann Bruce, Su Erickson and Gayle Williams will continue to work on updating the constitution and bylaws. The scope of the work includes updating the constitution to the require verbiage from synod. If it is discovered there is a need for substantial change, it will be brought to the congregation at the next annual meeting.

**6. Administration**

**a. Envelopes, Contracts, Facility Agreements**

Ann Bruce discussed the high cost of donation envelopes and the fact that there are many left each year that are not picked up by the congregation members. It was proposed to use a sign-up sheet going forward for those who wish to continue with the use envelopes.

John Brown, Olga Blanchard, Su Erickson and Ann will review the contracts and facility agreements for this year.

**b. Security**

Deb Glass reminded the council to complete the inventory sheets and give them to her. The inventory sheets will assist with determining the value of the church assets and the appropriate insurance policy coverage.

Deb will post no trespassing signs by the garbage cans. The signs will hopefully deter those who dump their personal garbage to stop the extra charges the church incurs because of such. Discussion followed of obtaining a lockable refuse container from Waste Management and the cost involved.

Motion: Elizabeth Richardson moved to purchase a lockable refuse container from Waste Management. Connie Sornsins seconded. Motion carried.

**7. Next Council Meeting**

The next council meeting is scheduled for September 16, at 6:30 p.m.

**8. Closing Pray**

Pastor let the council in closing prayer.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Gayle Williams, Council Secretary*