

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2023

Called to order by Su Erickson at 10:36am

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

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

Opening Prayer by Judy Turpen.

Approval of Minutes from October 15, 2023: No corrections upon review. Motion to approve by Kathy Williams. Seconded by Magan Ratalsky. Minutes approved.

Review of September Financial Reports

- Mortgage is officially under \$800,000
- CD will expire in December; the renewal amount will be reduced to allocate funds back to designated fund for the sewer project.

Council Reports

- Facilities (Randy)
 - Deep cleaning was completed on November 11th.
 - Sewer pipe trouble has been identified; need to review new proposals to complete the repairs. Council is recommending the Cactus Plumbing and Air quote to complete the repairs.
 - Special meeting with congregation will be needed to move forward with this spending amount.
 - Proposal to provide notice to congregation on November 26th of special meeting on December 10th.
 - Solar team has been made aware that Sewer project may delay the installation of the solar.
 - Hood in the kitchen failed the health inspection. Randy to follow-up on how to resolve.
- Education (Magan)
 - Christmas Pageant/ Advent program will be December 10th.
- Evangelism (Judy Turnen)
 - Advent cards are prepared to send out.
 - Next book exchange is planned for January 28th.
- Health (Kathy)
 - Hand sanitizer machine needs to be in a better position for service.
 - Best source for adult diapers is Amazon. Su had an idea to create an Amazon wish list and share with congregation.
- Fellowship (Cher)

- Advent Dinner will be December 9th; food catered from La Bona Pasta.
- Outreach (Su)
 - Agreement signed with St. Mary's for 2024.
 - The three-door refrigerator is officially part of church inventory for kitchen as it was donated by Not Hungry Tonight program.
 - Prime Solutions Group and Lennox Industries are holding Thanksgiving food drives for CELC Outreach food pantry.
 - (2-3) Large boxes will be needed for a food drive for Abrazo Hospital
- Stewardship (Judy Turpen)
 - No report
- Worship (Vacant)
 - No report
- Youth (Vacant)
 - No report

Unfinished Business

- Renata will stop doing any remote work on December 31st. Her role of office manager will be posted to fill starting January. Role is 10-12 hours a week, 2-3 days a week.
- Nominating Committee met for the first time and several possibilities have been identified. Committee will share out with council via email on recommendations.

New Business

- Communications:
 - Congregation wearing name badges each week has become a concern; brainstorming ideas on how to resolve.
 - Congregation needs to continue to communicate the different ways of communication via email, website, written/printed information, and verbally shared.

Announcements:

- Annual meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2024 and Budget forum for January 21, 2024.
- Next council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 14, 2024.
- Friday, December 15th will be the Council Christmas party at the Gallen household beginning at 6:00pm
 - Soup, salad, and dessert sign-up will be sent out by Pastor via email.
 - White elephant gifts exchange.

Motion to adjourn council meeting adjourned at 11:44 by Kathy Williams. Seconded by Randy Heibel.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Jeff

Respectfully submitted, Magan Ratalsky, Secretary.