

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2022

1. Meeting Called to Order

President Olga Blanchard called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Ann Bruce, Connie Sornsins, Kay Myers, Olga Blanchard, , Su Erickson, Elizabeth Richardson, Judy Turnen, Pastor Jeff Gallen, Jim Harmon. **Absent:** Mike Berg, Randy Heibel, Intern Dan Weichart. **Vacant Position:** Stewardship

A quorum was present for the purpose of conducting business.

Olga introduced Jim Harmon. Jim has agreed to serve as Secretary beginning in February 2022.

2. Opening Prayer

Pastor Jeff opened the meeting with a prayer.

3. Approval of the November 18, 2021 minutes

Motion: Kay Myers moved to approve the November 18, 2021 council minutes as corrected. Connie Sornsins seconded. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ann Bruce presented the 2021 end of year Cash on Hand statement, the Profit & Loss vs. Actual report, and the end of year Balance Sheet. Income was up over 2020 and expenses were down. A copy of the 2022 Mission Spending Plan was and will be presented at the annual meeting, January 30 for congregation approval.

5. Old Business

a. Alleluia

The Memorandum of Understanding between CELC and Alleluia was sent out to council members via email January 3. Six respondents approved.

Motion: Su Erickson moved to confirm the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding. Kay Myers seconded. Motion passed.

The property inspection was completed January 14. We are awaiting the formal written report.

We are still waiting for financials from Alleluia.

Jim Erickson has volunteered to be the project manager if the adoption merger is approved. There are many details that need to be managed during the transition.

A special meeting of the congregation is scheduled for January 30, immediately following the CELC annual meeting to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Alleluia will hold a meeting the following week to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. If approved, transition planning will begin, and future meetings will be scheduled as needed.

Elizabeth Richardson did some research and pulled public records on the Alleluia property. There are about 2.9 acres total.

6. New Business

a. Annual meeting and report of the Nominating Committee

Olga shared the annual meeting agenda and Nominating Committee Report. John Brown, Administrator will present the Budget. Ann Bruce and Su Erickson will share duties of acting secretary.

b. Building and maintenance

Randy Heibel's report was read by Olga. Several items have been addressed since the last council meeting. There are still roof leaks in Building B and the Building A thermostats are still being changed on occasion.

A deep cleaning will be scheduled in the spring.

c. Worship

There was discussion about the worship schedule. We will continue with only one service for now and continue to keep an eye on Covid numbers in our community. Chairs will be set up for social distancing, but if some people wish to sit together, they may move them together. We will continue to move forward with offering prepackaged communion elements or if people wish, they may approach the altar for the elements from Pastor and an assistant.

d. Membership

A committee was formed at the last staff meeting to perform a review of the church membership roster. Jim Erickson, Ann Bruce, and Pastor Jeff will serve on this committee. A list of people who have been inactive in the past year will be contacted and asked if they wish to remain on CELC membership roster.

e. Other

Pastor Jeff reported that everything went well for the overnight funeral and the building was in good order. He will continue to grant permissions for the occasional requests.

Pastor Jeff was contacted by Amy and Kevin Barko with a request to use the church kitchen for their catering business. Ann Bruce said our permit is for the food pantry only. A different permit would need to be obtained to consider this use.

a. Announcements

A special council meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2022, immediately following the annual meeting and special meeting, for the purpose of selecting a council president. The next regular council meeting is February 17, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

7. Closing Pray

Pastor Jeff led the council in closing prayer and The Lord's Prayer.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Su Erickson, Council Vice President