

# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Council Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2023

### Called to order by Su Erickson at 10:18am

In attendance: Jim Harmon, Pastor Jeff Gallen, Randy Heibel, Magan Ratafsky, Su Erickson, Judy Turpen, Cher Johnson, Judy Turnen, Ann Bruce

- Absent: Kathy Williams, John Brown
- Vacant position: Worship Ministry, Youth Ministry

### Opening Prayer by Pastor

**Approval of Minutes from August 20, 2023 (no quorum in September):** Magan Ratafsky moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Jim Harmon. Minutes approved as corrected.

- Randy corrected his Building and Grounds report info: 40-50 Trickle Irrigation tubes were capped.

### Review of September Financial Reports

- September General Fund is (\$8,000) verse budget.
- Need to add Transitional Expenses into 2024 Budget

### Council Reports

- Facilities (Randy)
  - Randy presented an update to the sewer project. **Randy Heibel moved to pursue Phase One of the sewer project with Cactus Plumbing to locate the depth of the sewer line connection** at a cost of \$6700.00. Seconded by Jim Harmon. Motion passed.
  - Building A window needs repair
- Education (Magan)
  - Christmas Pageant will be December 10<sup>th</sup>
- Evangelism (Judy Turnen)
  - Book exchange will be November 12<sup>th</sup>
- Fellowship (Cher)
  - Fall Festival was a success! Follow up on where the funds will be used.
  - Advent Dinner will be December 9<sup>th</sup>; food catered from La Bona Pasta. Music to be determined.
- Health (Kathy)
  - No report
- Outreach (Su)
  - Agreement signed with St. Mary's Food Bank for 2024.
  - Closing in (2) weeks for Holidays; December 26 and January 2
- Stewardship (Judy Turpen)
  - No report

- Worship (Vacant)
  - Joanne has resigned from Council. No report
- Youth (Vacant)

### **Unfinished Business**

- Renata is working remotely conducting office duties.
- Pastor Jeff announced his retirement for October 2024. Formal letter of intent has been received and accepted by CELC Council.
  - Letter will be shared in CELC Friday announcements along with a summary of next steps.
  - Su will contact Deacon Zimbleman about next steps.
- Nominating Committee to obtain candidates for 2024 Council include Magan Ratafsky, Cher Johnson, Gayle Denny and Darrel Bjornson. Su will provide the committee with a list of open positions.

### **New Business**

- Facility use requests
  - Support Group request to use facility once a month on Saturday for a parents supporting transition group. Council agreed on \$25 a month rental fee. Su will follow up.
  - AARP tax services (Volunteer group) request for rental space. Request is for 3 Tuesday's a month from February 1 thru April 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Su will follow up.
- Worship schedule for Advent and Christmas.
  - Advent 4 service will be December 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00am
  - Christmas Eve will be December 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm
  - Council recommends a video recording for Christmas Day service for December 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Pastor to follow up with Jonathan on a Thanksgiving service time and date.
- Annual meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2024 with congregation. Budget forum for congregation is scheduled for January 21, 2024.
  - 2024 budget requests need to be submitted by November 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Council should submit 2023 reports to Su by mid-December. Previous year reports may be reviewed on the CELC website.

### **Announcements:**

- Next council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **Closing Prayer by Pastor Jeff**

**Council meeting adjourned at 11:25 by Cher Johnson Seconded by Judy Turpen.**

*Respectfully submitted, Magan Ratafsky, Secretary.*