

# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Council Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2023

### Called to order by Su Erickson at 10:37am

In attendance: Jim Harmon, Joanne Mueske, Pastor Jeff Gallen, Randy Heibel, Magan Ratafsky, Su Erickson, Judy Turpen

- Absent: John Brown, Cher Johnson, Judy Turnen, Kathy Williams, Ann Bruce,
- Vacant position: Youth Ministry

**Approval of Minutes from April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023:** Motion to approve by Randy. Seconded by Jim. Minutes approved as corrected.

- Revised available square footage of astro turf from 10,000 to 14,000 sq ft.

### Review of April Financial Reports

- The investment for the 90-Day CD was completed for \$100,000 at 4%.
- \$20,000 of the \$42,000 from MIF reserve was moved to available assets.
- \$4,000 check was received Sharon Norris family; council to designated funds.
- Previous work done on utilities is making a difference on the Water bill.
- Pastor recommending adding a line item for Cactus Conference Youth and Young Adult Ministry on an annual basis. One amount would be given in 2023 and another line added to 2024 budget. Both motions passed.
  - Motion to add a line item in 2024 budget for Cactus Conference Youth and Young Adult Ministry.
    - Motion to approve by Magan. Seconded by Jim.
  - Motion to send initial amount of \$500 to Cactus League in 2023.
    - Motion to approve by Jim. Seconded by Judy Turpen.

### Council Reports

- Randy/Facilities
  - Randy recently completed some work in the attic, including removing two old air conditioners.
  - Sewer project is pending the City approving the permit.
  - Solar Project Update: company submitted the building plans; pending approval from City for permit
  - A new awning was installed on the East side of the Building A.
  - Jim Erickson completed review of the security system. Jim will present recommendations to update the system once final project bids are received.
- Magan/Education
  - Patsy Blankenship is assisting with Sunday school planning and events.
  - No vacation bible school this summer is planned
- Judy Turnen/ Evangelism

- Maintaining her regular work since surgery.
- Cher/ Fellowship
  - No report out.
- Kathy/ Health
  - Kathy has been including health updates in the Weekly CELC newsletter
- Su/ Outreach
  - Number of households serving each week is +46% verse prior year
  - Su reviewed in service this morning that additional volunteers are needed this summer to cover outreach work specifically pick-ups from Panera, Bashes, and St. Mary's.
- Judy Turpen/ Stewardship
  - No new information.
- Joanne/Worship
  - No new information

### **Unfinished Business**

- Synod Assembly Delegates are Gayle Denny and Jim Hill.
- Vacation Bible School- not in session this summer. Works are pending for 2024 planning.
- Council Retreat outcomes and action plans.
  - Pastor making recommendation to start searching now for how we want to move forward with the transition.
  - Su recommends we complete the work of updating the church brochure. This is used for new members and visitors, so important that this communication is updated including recent pictures. Judy Turpen volunteered to work on this project.
  - Su recommends we complete a history timeline of CELC, which would include details of when the parish was incorporated, when the buildings were built, etc.
  - Su recommends completing an update to the Church roles and responsibilities. Jim Erickson, Ann Bruce, and Pastor Jeff agreed to work on this as assigned in January 2022.

### **New Business**

- Facility rental guide has been drafted. Not ready for distribution yet.
  - Topic of discussion is member vs. non-member usage fee. Particular fees are fixed amounts such as cleaning, AV booth, music, etc.
  - Next steps: Su will complete the guide and present to the council. We will move forward with a motion to review and approve the guide and fees at a later meeting.

### **Announcements:**

- Pastor on vacation in June and Pastor David Cote will be covering Sunday worship. Pastor Beth Gallen will provide pastoral care (as needed).
- Next council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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

**Council meeting adjourned at 11:55 by Judy. Seconded by Jim.**

Respectfully submitted, Magan Ratalisky, Secretary Approved as corrected 6-25-2023.