

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2024

At 10:30 a.m., Council President Su Erickson called the meeting to order with an opening prayer.

PRESENT: Su Erickson, Interim Pastor Kim Sterner, Carol Moonan, Judy Turnen, Randy Heibel, Magan Ratalisky, Ann Bruce, Gene Myers, Kathy Williams and Jo-Ann Wordell.

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: John Brown

Council member Judy Turpen resigned for personal reasons.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Su Erickson thanked everyone for helping with the fall festival, Pastor Jeff's last service and reception and the deep cleaning day. John Brown and Su met with Pastor Jeff and conducted an exit interview. Su shared appendix 4 from the transition documents with council which outlines the agreements between Pastor Jeff and CELC, effective November 1 upon his retirement.

On October 23, John Brown and Su met with Pastor Kim to discuss her compensation package. Pastor Kim then met with Miloy to discuss worship and music. Su welcomed interim Pastor Kim Sterner to the council meeting and shared appendix 10 from the transition documents with council to clarify her responsibilities while serving as interim pastor at CELC. Pastor Kim provided a brief personal background.

A MOTION was made by Randy Heibel and seconded by Carol Moonan to approve the October 20, 2024 meeting with corrections {change "sod" to "astro turf"}. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Ann Bruce reported that the October financial statements reflect a good month financially for CELC. She also noted that John Brown is working on the budget for the upcoming year. The council discussed the benevolence giving, specifically if any entities should be deleted. It was recommended to remove Pan De Vida, Spirit in the Desert and the Cactus Conference WV Young Adults from the Benevolence list with funds being assigned to LSS-SW \$3000, Mosaic \$1000, and the Grand Canyon Synod.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Transition update: Ann Bruce reported that the transition team continues to compile a scrapbook of the church's history, as well as work on putting together CELC's goals and visions for the future. Our next step as a congregation is to look at the vision, mission and values of our congregation based on a series of Bible studies. Judy Turpen resigned from the transition team and a replacement will be named to fill her position.

A Time and Talent survey handout will be distributed at next Sunday's service-

Su reported that congregation members will be asked to serve on the Nominating Committee which will search for congregation members willing to serve on church council for the upcoming year.

New Member Exploration: Judy Turnen and Pastor Kim will review completed visitor cards, contact prospective members, and schedule a new member meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Carol and Pastor Kim confirmed the upcoming events:

- Advent Dinner – December 6
- Adoration Choir Cantata – December 15
- Children's program - December 22
- Christmas Eve – services at 4 p.m. and at 6 p.m.
- Christmas Day – service at 9 a.m.

Grace Lutheran Pancake Breakfast Schedule – CELC has been assigned March 9 and December 28, 2025 to serve breakfast at Grace Lutheran Church. The Council agreed to continue with this ministry.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Randy Heibel's buildings and grounds report was distributed prior to the meeting and is attached to these meeting minutes.

Magan noted that new rug for the children's section of the sanctuary has been put down.

Judy is also seeking Angel Tree donations.

Gene Myers will look into a group fellowship event at a Phoenix Suns game or other sporting event.

Kathy Williams reported that she is still waiting on approval on the grant request from WV Lutheran Thrift Shop for adult hygiene products.

Su noted that the number of participants in the weekly outreach program is down.

Magan proposed that we purchase a banner for outdoors along Litchfield Road to announce our Christmas services. She will look into pricing. Randy volunteered to post times on the outdoor sign board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next council meeting will be held on December 15, 2024.

Send annual reports to Su by December 10, 2024.

January Council Meeting is January 12, 2025

Budget Forum January 19, 2025

Annual Meeting January 26, 2025

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER: Following a closing prayer from Pastor Kim, Judy made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Kathy, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo-Ann Wordell, Council Secretary

Approved 12-15-2024

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT

November 2024

Solar Project

1. Sun Valley Solar Solutions. “Unlike Solar Covered Parking LLC we would likely not be willing to do a lease, but I could perhaps link the church to a third party willing to own the system and do a 20 year Purchase Power Agreement (PPA). We would definitely spec a different, larger, higher quality module (Silfab vs. Trina) with a Tesla single phase inverter. For a cash purchase, a system such as this would be roughly in the \$325,000 range with the IRS paying the church 30% of the total cost of the system back in cash. As far as salvaging any money spent previously, unfortunately we would need to start from scratch with the exception of the Geotech report.”

Building A:

1. The SE corner’s roof tile was replaced.
2. We’re currently monitoring the sanctuary bathroom, where a mild to moderate sewer gas smell has been appearing.

Building B:

1. The water shut-off valve outside the nurse’s office sprung a leak. Tom Flores Plumbing recommended valve replacement due to multiple leaks.
2. Ducks Septic drained the 1250-gallon grease pit tank. This is done every six months to prevent clogs in the drainpipe.

Backflow Valve/Water Main Valve.

1. Following our October meeting, council members noted a leak in the Litchfield Road water valve. Metro Fire was called and repaired the leak the same day.

Landscaping

1. Frontage palm trees were trimmed. We plan to transplant the volunteer palm trees in the spring, when the soil is warmer.
2. The astroturf project received a bid from Arizona Artificial Lawns. Our turf may not have UV protection. It is very thin and is best used on a flat concrete surface. If we chose to use their turf, the project would cost \$17,000-\$18,000. I suggested by email that we dispose of our NFL donated turf and the council members replied via email in agreement with disposal.

Deep Cleaning Day – All Churches

1. Saturday 11/02/24. The group focused on Building A. Lunch with homemade salad and pizza was provided. 8-10 attended.

Future Projects

1. Parking lot repairs/resurfacing
2. Relandscape the front of Building A
3. Repaint the Building B Sanctuary

God’s Work, Our Hands,
Randy Heibel