

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2023

1. Call to order 10:23AM by Council President Su Erickson

2. Council members present

Randy Heibel

Su Erickson

Judy Turnen

Cher Johnson

Pastor Gallen

Jim Harmon

Ann Bruce Absent

Judy Turpen Absent

Magan Ratalasky Absent

Kathy Williams Absent

Joanne Mueske Absent

John Brown Absent

Youth Ministry Vacant

Jim Harmon appointed to take minutes

Quorum is present for purposes of conducting business.

3. Opening prayer Su Erickson

4. Approval of June 25, 2023 Moved by Randy Heibel and seconded by Cher Johnson to approve the June 25, 2023 minutes. Minutes approved.

5. Treasurer's Report The Treasurer not being present Su gave a quick overview of the current financial status. June and July financial reports were presented. Finances for the previous month show a shortfall in giving.

Education (Magan) No report

Outreach Su reported that an average of 67 families received assistance the previous month.

Stewardship No report

Health Su reported in Kathy's absence that Kathy has contacted Walgreen's about offering flu shots at CELC and is awaiting a response. Kathy will pursue grant money for personal hygiene supplies for Outreach.

Youth No report

Evangelism Judy Turnen reported the first book exchange to be successful. The next book exchange will be scheduled for a Sunday later in September. She proposed the establishment of a "Little Free Library" on the CELC property. Judy recommended council consider method of checking well-being of infirm members.

Fellowship Cher Johnson reported that planning for the October 13th chili cookoff is proceeding and planning has begun for the Advent Dinner. Su reminded Cher to contact the office with the date for the Advent Dinner so that it can be put on the CELC calendar.

Worship No report

Buildings and grounds Randy explained there are two differing bids for the sewer connection work to be done. Bids are far apart in price. Further study will be required before any action by the church council. Randy also reported that a number of hvac leaks have been repaired. All fire alarm and suppression systems have been inspected by the Goodyear Fire Department and passed inspection. He also reported that forty to fifty irrigation trickler tubes were capped.

- 6. Unfinished Business** Su updated the council on transition plan and conversation with Deacon Janice Zimbleman, Director of Congregation Transitions for Grand Canyon and Rocky Mountain Synods. She will be coordinating the CELC transition process and will contact Pastor Jeff. She encouraged us to focus on our lay-led ministries.

Facility Rental Guide-status update- Still in progress

Sewer Project Randy presented the bids received so far. After some discussion and questions, the decision on moving forward was moved to the September meeting.

7. New Business

Jim Erickson presented Johnson Control fire monitoring upgrade information. There will be a one-time installation fee of \$499.00 and then a \$142.53/mo. charge for the cell dialer. We will be able to eliminate 2 Cox landlines that are currently in place and incur a savings over the long term (about \$80/mo.) Randy moved to upgrade the Johnson Control fire monitoring system. Cher Johnson seconded. Motion passed. Jim Erickson will contact Johnson Controls and Cox to move forward with the changes.

Staffing: Su reported that Renata Spanton-Jones, our office communications manager, has submitted her resignation. She has sold her house and is moving to Missouri to assist her parents. We will have to figure out office staffing upon her departure the end of September.

The nominating committee will be formed in September to enlist council candidates for 2024. Su will prepare a list of vacancies and a list of people who have indicated interest in council.

Su will contact LSS-SW to schedule someone to visit CELC and speak to the congregation about programs and services. We hope to schedule for October 1.

8. Announcements

Next meeting is September 10, 2023

9. Adjournment

Randy moved to adjourn and Cher seconded the motion. Adjournment was at 11:50 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Jim Harmon (and Su Erickson)
Approved as corrected 10-15-2023*