

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2024

At 10:25 a.m., Council President Su Erickson called the meeting to order with an opening prayer.

PRESENT: Su Erickson, Judy Turnen, Ann Bruce, Randy Heibel, Judy Turpen, Gene Myers, Pastor Dr. Jeff Gallen, Kathy Williams, and Jo-Ann Wordell.

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Magan Ratalisky, Carol Moonan and John Brown

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Following corrections on the previous month's minutes noted by Su, Kathy Williams made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Judy Turnen, and passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Ann Bruce reported that the financial documents are in good condition and do not reflect a different position than previous years, noting that giving is down during summer months when the snowbirds are gone which is not unusual. Ann also noted that it has not been necessary to use the reserve funds. In addition, Ann reported that she had attended the synod conference this weekend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Jim Erickson has worked with Johnson Controls to finish the upgrade and installation the upgrade to the key access system.

The refrigerator in Bldg A was defrosted and reset. It is working and did not require any repairs.

A new fan/motor was installed in the three-door refrigerator in the kitchen. There are other problems, and the recommendation was to not continue to throw money at further repairs since it is an older unit. Su will research the cost of a replacement unit (a two-door commercial refrigerator). It may be possible to ask St. Mary's Food Bank for a refrigerator through their grant program.

Ann provided an update on the transition to a new pastor, reporting that the team has met with the Synod transition coach. The first step is to put together a history of the church, including demographics of the congregation members. This process is expected to be completed later this summer/early fall.

Ann reported that she and Sharoll Blodget attended the Grand Canyon Synod Assembly June 14 and 15. Bishop Hutterer was reelected Bishop and there were some good breakout sessions.

Su and Randy presented an update on the solar project. He has not had any contact since the end of April and cannot determine if the company is still in business. Su outlined steps that

have been taken including a conversation with Don Stevens, attorney who assists churches in the Grand Canyon Synod. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that a letter should be sent to members outlining the information that we have and what steps are being taken to resolve the issue.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Buildings and Grounds (Randy Heibel) – Randy distributed a handout (which is attached to these minutes) detailing the updates on the projects that he is working on.

Evangelism (Judy Turnen) - Judy reported that they had received a good response to the flyer distributed to new members. In addition, she hopes to build community-wide transition for the purpose of evangelism, such as establishing a new Bible Study group, a women's social event, a men's social event, or family game night/event.

Health (Kathy Williams) – Kathy reported that she had received an acknowledgement from the West Valley Lutheran Thrift Shop to the grant she wrote. They will notify us in August if our project is funded.

Education (Magen Ratafsky) – none

Fellowship (Gene Myer) – Gene noted that he is still looking for a date that band Latitude 33, which he manages, can put on an event for the congregation.

Stewardship (Judy Turpen) – none

Outreach (Su Erickson) – Su reported that there are now 65-70 families that participate in the weekly Outreach Program.

Worship (Carol Moonan) – none

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There is no meeting in July, and the next council meeting will be held on Sunday, August 25, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER: Following a closing prayer, Kathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Judy Turpen, and was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jo-Ann Wordell, Council Secretary

Attachment: Randy Heibel's report

*Approved as corrected 8-25-2024*

# **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT**

**June 2024**

## **Sewer Line Project**

1. Asphalt now covers the handicapped parking space where digging occurred for the sewer project. Elite Civil Construction contributed \$3,871.00 worth of work.

## **Solar Project**

1. After many attempts to contact and communicate with Solar Covered Parking (SCP) and its personnel, there has been no response since 04/22/24. Also, after driving to three possible addresses, SCP may not have a physical location. Its business viability is questionable.

## **Building A:**

1. Handy Randy installed new ventilation fans in the sanctuary and fellowship hall bathrooms.

2. Dim and non-working light bulbs in the chancel area of the sanctuary were replaced with new LED's.

## **Building B:**

1. Handy Randy replaced the motion sensor light switch in Classroom B.

2. Metro Fire reinspected our kitchen exhaust hood fan and certified our building in compliance with the fire code. All fire extinguishers were checked. One needs recharging.

3. Metro Fire also conducted an annual check of our fire suppression sprinkler system inside along with the outside NE and SW backflow prevention valves. Some repairs will be needed. Metro plans to send their assessment along with a bid for all the repairs.

## **Security.**

1. Jim Erickson has worked with Johnson Controls to upgrade and install new components to our key access system. He continues to update the system's server to populate all access data. During the past month or two the fire system alarm was activating inappropriately. Replacing a missing resistor in the kitchen exhaust hood fire control system appears to have resolved the issue.

## **Landscaping.**

1. A new company visited our campus to make a bid on our property. The scope of work and proposed contract was given as a guide to future work.

## **Future Projects**

1. Parking lot repairs/resurfacing
2. Astroturf our frontage
3. Relandscape the front of Building A

God's Work, Our Hands,  
Randy Heibel