

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:16 a.m. by President Su Erickson. David Gregor was appointed temporary secretary for this meeting in the absence of Jim Harmon.
Present: Randy Heibel, David Gregor, Pastor Jeff Gallen, Magan Ratafsky, Judy Turnen, Olga Blanchard, Ann Bruce, Connie Sornsin, Elizabeth Richardson, John Brown, and Su Erickson.
Absent: Cher Johnson and Jim Harmon
2. Opening Prayer by Randy Heibel
3. Approval of November 20, 2022 minutes. Magan Ratafsky moved to approve the November 20 2022 minutes. Elizabeth Richardson seconded. No additions or corrections. Motion passed.
4. Treasurer's Report - Ann Bruce and John Brown presented the November and December Year End 2022 financial reports. Income was down from last year, but our expenses were under budget. Discussed some reasons. Money that came in from the end of year stewardship drive to assist with facility repairs will be carried over to pay for the backflow valve and sewer projects.
5. Council Reports
Buildings and Maintenance - Randy Heibel emailed a full report and highlighted items in the meeting. He mentioned roof leak in Building B. Calls for repair have gone out. Water bill has doubled. Watching for leaks or other waste of water. The sewer project in

front of Building A continues. We are working with Roy Rood and Bowie Tiglas Engineering firm to obtain the necessary permits and recommendations for repair. The backflow valve is scheduled for replacement January 26. CELC received a grant from Lutheran Thrift Store to be used for the purchase and installation of new awnings on Building A. Solar project updates were presented and will be put to a vote at the annual meeting January 29. Council previously voted to pursue the lease option with SCP Solar.

Education – No report

Outreach -Ann reported that food boxes have been distributed to about 60 families each week along with an additional 15-20. St. Mary's food prices have increased.

Evangelism – Judy Turnen reported that Advent cards were sent to members. Several were returned and Judy will notify the office of address changes.

Stewardship Envelopes are on the way for member donations.

Fellowship - Olga presented Cher's report. A Salute to Veterans event is planned for February 25. The No Namers Band will provide entertainment and gifts for veterans will be collected.

Worship - No report

Health – Stop the Bleed class is scheduled for January 25.

Youth - No report

6. Unfinished Business: Nominating committee update. Su asked members of the nominating committee to confirm candidates for

the open positions. Evangelism – Judy Turnen (2yr), Facilities & Maintenance – Randy Heibel (2yr), Health – Kathy Williams (2 yr), Outreach – Su Erickson (1yr), Stewardship – Judy Turpen (2yr), Worship – Joanne Mueske (1yr), Youth – vacant. Ballots for the annual meeting will be prepared upon confirmation.

7. New Business

a. John Brown presented the 2023 Budget & Mission Spending Plan. Rents have been increased and a 5% salary increase has been included for staff. Budget information session will be held one week before the Annual Meeting.

b. Easter Egg Hunt – Magan will plan this event for the children.

8. Announcements

a. Congregational Information Session Sunday, January 22 immediately following worship service to present 2023 Budget & Mission Spending Plan, Constitution & Bylaws changes and Solar project.

b. Annual meeting Sunday January 29 immediately following worship service

c. Special council meeting to elect officers Sunday, January 29 immediately following annual meeting

d. Next regular council meeting Sunday, February 19

9. Closing Prayer by Pastor Gallen

10. Adjournment - Olga Blanchard moved to adjourn the meeting. Magan seconded. Council meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

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