

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 18, 2021**

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**1. Meeting Called to Order**

President Olga Blanchard called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Present:** Ann Bruce, Elizabeth Richardson, Gayle Williams, Pastor Jeff Gallen, Kay Myers, Mike Berg, Olga Blanchard, Su Erickson

**Absent:** Connie Sornsin, Judy Turnen

**Vacant Positions:** Stewardship, Building and Maintenance

The meeting began without a quorum, however a quorum was present for the purpose of conducting business once Mike Berg arrived.

**2. Opening Prayer**

Pastor spoke about current times stating, that God is with us and to be of good cheer. He stated that our big concern is the health and welfare of our community. Pastor thanked the new members for their willingness to take on the council responsibilities.

**3. Approval of the January 21, 2021 and January 31, 2021 Minutes**

A quorum was not present at the beginning of the meeting, therefor, President Olga Blanchard approved the minutes.

**4. Budget Report**

Treasurer Ann Bruce stated that going forward she will supply the Council with the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual document and the CELC Cash on Hand Statement at each meeting. Ann proceeded to explain the information contained on these documents, pointing out that for the month of January, there was a \$13,000 shortage in giving. The budget is stable, as expenses were also down in January. Pastor reminded all that the church does not spend money it does not have so the budget remains balanced.

**5. Vice President Position**

Su Erickson volunteered to fill the Council Vice President position.

Motion: Kay Myers moved to elect Su Erickson as 2021 Council Vice President. Mike Berg seconded. Motion carried.

**6. Security**

The council discussed the following church security items: The need for better security cameras, the option of adding a security position to the council, and the status of the Security Team. It was determined that at this time, the best way to proceed with the security review and recommendations is with a Security Team since adding a position to the council would require a change to the bylaws.

It was also discussed that a current inventory is needed.

## **7. Alleluia Intern**

Pastor discussed the need for an intern and the process used to obtain one. He will find out next week if final approval is granted and will then proceed with hiring the candidate. The position is a two-year commitment and Pastor will supervise the position with the help of the Intern Committee.

Alleluia church is paying for this position and the intern's office will be at CELC.

## **8. Building and Maintenance**

In the absence of a new team lead for Building and Maintenance, Ken Olson has offered to complete the projects started while he was team lead. The projects include: Lighting in front of Building A, checking quote from Burns and Truly Nolan regarding gophers, signage for Building B, front landscape, and follow up on the backflow.

The blacktop also needs repair, which Jonathan will take care of.

The council also discussed the need for an air filtration system in Building B. Mike will look into a system and the cost.

## **9. Council Retreat**

The council retreat will be held at Connie Sornsin's house on February 27. The group will be reviewing the vision survey results that were submitted by the congregation.

## **10. Palm Sunday and Easter Services**

Palm Sunday service will be at 9 a.m. Easter services will be at 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Easter services will be held in Building B, will be streamed, and will also be available from the parking lot. The classrooms in Building B will be available as overflow areas if larger groups arrive. There will not be an Easter breakfast this year, nor Fellowship after service.

## **11. Miscellaneous Topics**

There will be a new member class held on March 6. Council members are encouraged to attend new member classes on occasion to meet the new members.

All Church Meetings are held the fourth Friday every other month at 6 .m. The next will be held on Friday, March 26 and council members are encouraged to attend.

President Blanchard reviewed the processes and paperwork new members will follow. Pastor answered questions the new council members had regarding their positions.

## **12. Closing Prayer**

Pastor thanked the council members, stating he was grateful for them. He then led the council in closing prayer.

## **1. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Gayle Williams, Council Secretary*