

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 14, 2022**

**1. Call to order at 10:15a.m. Council Members**

**Present:** Ann Bruce, Su Erickson, Judy Turnen, Cher Johnson, Olga Blanchard, Connie Sornsin, Magan Ratalasky, Randy Heibel(phone)

**Absent:** Elizabeth Richardson, Jim Harmon, Pastor Jeff Gallen

**Vacancy:** Outreach

Quorum present for purposes of conducting business.

Ann Bruce assigned to take minutes of meeting since Jim Harmon absent.

**2. Opening prayer**

**3. Approval of June 16, 2022 minutes.** Connie should be listed as present, and Randy asked for his report to be added to the minutes. Connie moved and Cher seconded that the June 16, 2022 minutes be approved with additions and corrections. Minutes approved.

**4. Treasurer's Report** Ann presented the July financials. Connie will put together a rain gauge display for the end of the year (Oct-Dec) encouraging giving. Randy suggested putting a donation tab on the website next to the live stream/recording of the service. Su mentioned that there is a Giving Tab, but not sure if there is one near the service. She will check with Jim Erickson.

**5. Council Reports**

Buildings and Maintenance (Randy - Building B Sanctuary's roof has new leaks. Diversified Roofing will be contacted. Palm tree trimming should have been completed. Southwest Diversified Building B kitchen hood report be sent to Compliance Center. Will cost ~\$30. Invoice should have been sent. Fire and sprinkler system on Building B kitchen hood inspection scheduled with Metro Fire. Metro Fire informally estimated \$8,000-10,000 new backflow valve replacement. If city water pipe project is finished. Metro Fire will be contacted to bid the valve replacement. Solar Presentation to be scheduled.

Education (Magan) - Sunday School has been averaging about four children on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Magan will continue with this schedule into the fall.

Evangelism (Judy) - No Report

Fellowship (Cher) - Tickets will go on sale next week for the Jamboree. Work has begun on the Dec 2 Advent dinner.

Health (Olga) - Olga is scheduling several programs/events this fall. Flu Shots in September or October, Stop the bleed in November, Active Shooter in January and CPR/First Aid training TBD. All Churches will be invited.

Outreach - No Report

Stewardship (Connie) – No Report

Worship (Su) - No Report

Youth (Elizabeth) - Su shared Elizabeth's report. A movie night is being planned for the end of September.

## **6. Unfinished Business**

- a. Alleluia update - Su shared a page from the August Alleluia newsletter stating that they voted to explore Holy Closure. Keep the members of Alleluia in your prayers as they find their path.
- b. Heritage Street and kitchen license update – After discussions with Kevin and Amy Barko, we met with the inspector (Hans) from Maricopa County Thursday, August 11. CELC will not have to apply for any additional permits. Kevin and Amy were issued a permit to work in our kitchen. Su and Ann will work on details of the contract. Su will send Heritage Street Cooks contact information to Cher so that she can contact them about the Advent Dinner.
- c. Office staff update – One person is interested in the part time office assistant position. We have been waiting for Pastor Jeff to return to make any final decisions. Su will contact Jonathan again just after Labor Day to see if he knows of anyone interested. Details of an updated job description and hourly wage and schedule will need to be determined as well.
- d. Solar presentation – Randy will work with Pastor Jeff to schedule a presentation sometime in mid to late September.

- e. Constitution and Bylaws review – Olga, Su and Ann reviewed the Constitution and Bylaws last year, then put on hold due to the merger discussions. We need to move ahead with updates and changes and present at annual meeting. We were advised to wait to incorporate any changes made by the ELCA in the revised version due out this fall.

## **7. New Business**

- a. Outreach – Jeri Nawotka resigned from the position August 10. Ann and Olga said that volunteers will help continue the work.
- b. Fall planning
  - i. Celebration - Council set November 5 as the date for an Open House Reception to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pastor Jeff's ordination. A committee is being formed and will meet to work out details.
  - ii. New Member Exploration Sept 17 – Su will send Miloy a note to add this announcement to the Sunday ProPresenter slides. There is a sign-up sheet, and it is listed in the announcements.
  - iii. Safeguarding God's Children – Su contacted Gayle Denny to conduct a training for All Churches. She will be back in late October and will schedule. She will also look for updated training materials.
  - iv. CPR/First Aid class – Olga will contact the organization that conducts the training and schedule.
  - v. Thompson Funeral Chapel Community Education Program – This program was offered a few years ago and had low attendance. Su will discuss with the staff at Thompson's and schedule for winter months (2023)
  - vi. Life-Line Screening Nov 23 -
- c. Nominating Committee - Su will prepare a list of Council terms needing to be filled and ask some members of the congregation to serve on the nominating committee. Su asked Elizabeth and Connie to serve, and Cher volunteered as well.

## **8. Announcements**

- a. Next council meeting Sunday, Sept 18, 2022, at 10:15 a.m.
- b. Discussion of email scams.

- 10. Adjournment** - Connie moved and Magan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Ann Bruce (Jim Harmon absent).*

*Approved at 9-18-2022 Council meeting.*