

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2021

1. Meeting Called to Order

President Olga Blanchard called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Present: Ann Bruce, Connie Sornsin, Kay Myers, Mike Berg (Zoom), Olga Blanchard, Randy Heibel, Su Erickson, Elizabeth Richardson, Judy Turnen, Intern Dan Weichart, John Brown (Zoom) Deb Glass

Absent: Pastor Jeff Gallen,

Vacant Positions: Stewardship

A quorum was present for the purpose of conducting business.

2. Opening Prayer

Intern Dan opened the meeting with a prayer.

3. Approval of the September 16, 2021 minutes

Motion: Connie Sornsin moved to approve the September 16, 2021 council minutes as corrected. Kay Myers seconded. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ann Bruce gave the council an overview of the current profit and loss statement, the balance sheet, and the cash on hand document.

5. Old Business

a. Alleluia

Su Erickson presented information from the joint meeting between Alleluia and CELC which took place October 13.

Motion: Randy Heibel moved to have CELC explore the possibility of a merger or consolidation of the two churches. Olga Blanchard seconded. Discussion included the need for due diligence and checking on the process with the Synod

b. Fellowship

Plans for the Advent dinner are moving along. A caterer has been selected. The ticket price is twenty-five dollars and tickets will be available for sale soon. Connie will work with Jim Erickson to make available on the CELC website.

c. Constitution

Ann Bruce distributed copies of the updated CELC constitution. The CELC constitution was last updated in 2018 and needs to be revised to bring up-to-date with the 2019 ELCA constitution. Most changes are minor wording changes. All members of Council need to read and be ready to discuss at the November meeting. The updated constitution will then be on the agenda at the 2022 annual meeting. The bylaws are also being updated to reflect necessary changes and will be presented at the November meeting.

Olga Blanchard reminded the council to complete the inventory sheets and give them to Deb Glass by December 1.

d. 2022 Council positions

The nominating committee has been recruiting members to fill vacant positions: Stewardship, Fellowship, Education, Outreach and Worship, as well as one person for the Audit Committee. The slate will be voted upon at the annual meeting.

e. Buildings and Maintenance

Randy Heibel reported that installation of the new lights in Building B Sanctuary are scheduled for October 27-30. A lock will be purchased and placed on our trash gate. There is a slow leak in the fire hydrant at southwest corner of Building B. City of Goodyear has been notified.

5. New Business

a. Budget

Ann Bruce and John Brown are working on the 2022 budget. Please submit any requests or changes in your lines in the next couple of weeks. Su Erickson will notify Jim Erickson, IT Coordinator to submit budget request for technology (hardware and software).

b. Resident in Building B

After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council for Olga Blanchard and Connie Sornsinn to meet with Pastor Jeff on this matter.

c. All Church Thanksgiving service

The All Church Thanksgiving service is Wednesday, November 17 at 7 p.m. There will be a pie social after the service.

d. Announcements

Hope Alive will host a Trunk or Treat in the CELC parking lot October 23.

All Church meeting is Friday, October 29.

Quarterly and end-of-year reports are due in November. This will allow time to print and distribute for the annual meeting.

7. Next Council Meeting

The next council meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

8. Closing Pray

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m..

Respectfully submitted by Su Erickson, Council Vice President