

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2023

CELC council meeting called to order by Su Erickson at 10:20 AM

In attendance: Jim Harmon, Joanne Mueske, Randy Heibel, Su Erickson, Judy Turnen, Cher Johnson, Kathy Williams, Ann Bruce **Absent:** Pastor Jeff Gallen, Judy Turpen, Magan Ratalsky, John Brown **Vacant position:** Youth Ministry

Kathy Williams appointed to take minutes.

Approval of Minutes from 5/19/23: Motion to approve by Jim Harmon. Seconded by Randy Heibel. Minutes approved as corrected.

Randy completed work in the attic including removing two old air conditioners.

A new canvas awning was installed on the east side of building A. (not replaced)

Review of June Financial reports –

Ann reported that we have been experiencing income shortages for several months and have had to move money from our reserves to pay for expenses. Our biggest expenses are payroll, facilities, and outreach. There was a brief discussion about designated funds and reserves and how the money is allocated. The 90-day CD comes due June 29. John Brown has recommended that we open a 6-month CD. Ann and Su will meet with Chase Bank to roll over to the new CD.

Reports:

-Education: No report

- Evangelism: Judy Turnen continues to contact and call members who are isolated and cannot get out of their homes. She is handing out prayer shawls and people continue to be grateful.

-Fellowship: Cher Johnson announced that a chili cookoff/contest and cakewalk are scheduled for October 13th. Cher suggested the One-Man Band for entertainment. A \$100.00 Amazon gift card will be provided for the winner of the chili contest.

-Health: Kathy Williams reported that we need adult diapers/wipes/bed pads and feminine products to distribute to some of our outreach households. She suggested that we may consider an adult diaper drive to replenish our supplies. Kathy will provide an item for the CELC newsletter and contact Hospice of the Valley and Olga for suggestions as to where to get possible donations.

-Outreach: Su Erickson reported that CELC hosted 40 youth and 10 adults from the Church of Litchfield Park on Tuesday 6/20/23. The youth helped to fill boxes for distribution and repackaging rice and produce. Outreach continues to serve between 65 and 70 households weekly. There will be no outreach on Tuesday 7/4/23 due to the holiday. An inspection was conducted by Maricopa County for a caterer wanting to use our kitchen to make sausage. Su and Jonathan received verbal communications from Chef Kevin (who was in attendance at the inspection) that there was a violation in our kitchen. The drain pipes on some of the sinks go too low not leaving an air gap that could potentially cause contamination. The church has not received any written notice of this violation. We need more clarification of specifications before anything is done to remedy this situation. The kitchen continues to receive A ratings from the county for our pantry operations. It was clarified that the City of Goodyear is our inspector for building regulations however Maricopa County is our inspector for health and safety with regard to our outreach kitchen. We are certified as a pantry kitchen only, which serves pre-packaged foods as compared to a commercial kitchen which is certified to cook raw foods.

-Stewardship: No report

-Worship: Joanne Mueske stated she is grateful to the worship committee for troubleshooting changes in ushering and communion processes.

-Facilities & Maintenance: Randy Heibel reported on several projects. Solar project – We are still waiting for permit from City of Goodyear; there will be soil drilling on 6/28/23 in preparation for our solar project; and Su signed some interconnection agreements for APS. Sewer project: Randy has met with three plumbing companies for the proposed work. He has received one bid and hopes for more before making a decision. The bid is quite high. Landscaping: palm trees to be trimmed. A plant by the barrier wall is growing up and over the barrier appearing as if it has fallen. Randy to investigate further. Other - CELC has passed the fire inspection. Randy reported that the projector screen in building A sanctuary fell on the pianist last Friday. The pianist was not injured. Jim Erickson and Randy will troubleshoot the issue. Casa del Rey and Hope Alive use the screen and projector.

Unfinished Business:

Jim Erickson reported on the security system updates. It was explained that we are currently using ADT for our alarm system and Johnson Controls for our Key cards. Due to cost differences, it was decided that CELC would upgrade alarm system with ADT proposal at \$529.83 for installation and discounts. This would include replacement of the control board, replacement of 3 wired wall touch pads (sanctuary, classrooms and garage) and use existing wired door contacts. CELC would pay \$56.72 per month for monitoring which is a savings of \$31.00 +fees per month. We will eliminate obsolete equipment that can no longer be programmed by ADT.

Motion was made to upgrade building B and not building A. Kathy initiated motion and was seconded by Randy. Motion passed.

Announcements: No meeting in July

Next meeting Aug 20,2023

Jonathon on vacation 6/26-7/2/23

Closing Prayer by Randy

Adjournment: 11:37 motion by Randy, second by Jim

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Williams

Approved 8/20/2023