

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

February 19th, 2023

Call to order: 10:20am by Su Erickson

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

Solar Update:

- Prescott from Solar Covered Parking gave us an update on the parking lot version of the solar leasing project and answered questions.
 - Company is responsible for all maintenance of equipment. CELC is responsible for “acts of God” or vandalism, which would be replaced through an insurance claim.
 - Early purchase options from the lease are available after 6 years.

Opening Prayer by Pastor Jeff Gallen

Approval of Minutes for January 15th and January 29th, 2023: Motion to approve by Cher Johnson seconded by Judy Trupen. No corrections or additions. Minutes approved.

Treasurer’s Report

- Ann reported CELC is +\$500 on the P&L. No additional comments/feedback.
- Su reminded the new leaders of where to find budgets for respective job roles.

Unfinished Business

- Electing a Vice President. The job responsibilities for VP were reviewed by entire council. Jim Harmon has been nominated by Magan Ratafsky. Seconded by Cher Johnson. Su asked for other nominations. Hearing none, council voted to approve Jim Harmon as Vice President.
- Jim has temporarily resigned as Secretary. Cher Johnson has nominated Magan Ratafsky to fill position for now. Seconded by Randy Heibel.
- Solar: The lease options were reviewed over a brief discussion with council. Council motion to sign the lease was approved; CELC will be moving forward with the contract.
- Awning Bldg A. Options for the awning were reviewed. There was discussion on the fading concerns of the awning, which deterred the color of red. There was a motion to move forward to complete the awning project in a tan/khaki color. Motion to approve by Randy Heibel and seconded by Cher Johnson. Council approved the motion.

New Business

- Su reviewed and handed out the Council Orientation. There was discussion around “getting back to the way things were” and what types of activities/gatherings/projects the council wants to take part in. All new ideas are welcome!

- Council Orientation handout was reviewed.
- Su requested that each council member put together a list of team members that assist with duties and projects.

Council Report Outs

- Randy/Facility Maintenance:
 - There are concerns with irrigation. Randy has addressed and repaired some of the lines, but the lines need to continue to be evaluated with landscaper.
 - Randy reviewed the notes of updates on on-going projects.
 - The trees outside have been trimmed.
 - At the annual meeting, someone from congregation mentioned painting the interior of the sanctuary. This has been added to potential projects as part of facilities agenda. There was discussion of how this would be paid for.
 - Cher has a contact at Australian Tree Services, who may be able to assist with replacement or new trees for the exterior.
- Cher/Fellowship:
 - ‘Salute to Veterans’ event has been moved to FRIDAY, February 24th because there was a request for a funeral service.
 - Cher is requesting to purchasing (2) AEDs for the church. There was discussion around where the equipment would be located, where we would store, and the cost of the equipment. Lead time of the equipment is usually 3-4 months, but Cher shared that there are 3-4 in stock. The cost of each unit is \$2000. Council approved Cher to move forward with purchasing (2) units. Cher will ask the congregation for donations to cover the cost of the equipment or use the fellowship budget to fund the project.
- Judy/Stewardship:
 - Judy is requesting we add “treasures” to the list of giving options from the congregation.
- Judy/Evangelism:
 - Judy mentioned there was a box of pictures of church history. The photos have been somewhat sorted, but this is a potential future project.
 - Judy had an idea to send out the printed bulletins from this morning service to those congregation members that are homebound or unable to attend worship.
- Pastor:
 - Pastor made a suggestion to purchase the “Square” for the church to have available for events. There were concerns around the reporting options and how the funds would be processed/deposited and processed for the budgeting.
- Magan/Education:
 - Magan to connect with Cher on the Easter Breakfast and tying in the Easter Egg Hunt with this event.
- Joanne/Worship:
 - Joanne had concerns around what her responsibilities were and where her support was needed. She is already sending out a prayer chain and working on other ideas.
- Ann/Treasurer:
 - We have money.

- Su/Outreach:
 - Su is working on her ServSafe training and certification.
 - The health department showed up to conduct the inspection. We received an “A”.
 - We are continuing to serve 60+ families each week.
- Kathy/Health:
 - Kathy is working with Cher on the AED opportunity. Kathy is continuing to learn about opportunities for Parish Nursing and learning about programs Olga has already set up.

Announcements: Next council meeting is Sunday, March 19th.

Pastor closing prayer

Council meeting adjourned at 11:57 by Judy Turpen. Seconded by Judy Turnen.

Respectfully submitted, Magan Ratafsky, Secretary