

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2021

1. Meeting Called to Order

President Olga Blanchard called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Ann Bruce, Connie Sornsin, Kay Myers, Mike Berg, Olga Blanchard, Su Erickson, Elizabeth Richardson, Judy Turnen, Randy Heibel (phone), Intern Dan Weichart, John Brown, Pastor Jeff Gallen, Laura Krueger, Tina Knoell, Rose Anne Flores (Zoom), Paul Stithem (Zoom) Kevin Hokerk-Robinson (Zoom) **Vacant Position:** Stewardship

A quorum was present for the purpose of conducting business.

2. Opening Prayer

Pastor Jeff opened the meeting with a prayer.

3. Breakout discussion with members of the Alleluia Council.

CELC and Alleluia Councils discussed future ministry opportunities. Alleluia Council members were excused from the CELC council meeting after this discussion.

4. Approval of the October 21, 2021 minutes

Motion: Elizabeth Richardson moved to approve the October 21, 2021 council minutes as corrected. Connie Sornsin seconded. Motion carried.

5. 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. Giving was down in October, but upon review of the past few years this seems to be a trend. January through September were pretty much break even between income and expenses.

6. Old Business

a. Thanksgiving Service

The All Church Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, November 17 was well attended with 70 people present. There was a pie social after the service. Thank you to Jonathan Gonzales, Pastor of Vida Nueva for planning the service.

b. Fellowship

Connie Sornsin reported that plans for the dinner are moving along and she will fill out the facility forms for set up of chairs and tables for the event. Miloy has secured the evening entertainment.

c. Constitution

Ann Bruce announced that the updates to the CELC constitution are on hold, awaiting decisions about future ministry opportunities with Alleluia.

d. 2022 Council positions

The nominating committee has been recruiting members to fill vacant positions: Mike Berg is not continuing. The Education ministry team position needs to be filled. The slate will be voted upon at the annual meeting.

e. Budget

John Brown and Ann Bruce presented the 2022 budget. There is a 5% increase in salaries, utilities and rent income. It is a breakeven budget, which is in line with the past few years. There is money in the budget to cover Pastor Jeff's sabbatical.

Motion: Kay Myers moved to approve the 2022 budget. Connie Sornsins seconded. The motion carried.

6. New Business

a. Alleluia discussion

A feasibility committee was formed to explore future ministry opportunities and next steps between Alleluia and CELC. Members of the committee are Ann Bruce, John Brown, Olga Blanchard, Pastor Jeff and Intern Dan. The committee will report to the full council at the next meeting.

b. Announcements

Ministry annual reports are due to Council President no later than December 1. This will allow time to print and distribute for the annual meeting.

The Staff/Council Christmas Party will be either Dec 5 or 17. Pastor Jeff will send out an announcement with more details.

Christmas Eve services are at 5p.m. and 7p.m. There is no Christmas Day service.

There is no December council meeting. The next council meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2022, 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