

**CROSS OF CHRIST CHURCH COUNCIL**

Minutes of March 21, 2010 meeting

Attendance:

Officers	P	A	Pastors	P	A	Cabinets	P	A	Cabinets	P	A
Krin Berg (P) / <i>Personnel Cab.</i>	x		Lane Zaffke	x		Sheri Johnson ( <i>Finance</i> )	x		Ann Abraham ( <i>Personnel</i> )	x	
Garry Edwards (VP)/ <i>Worship Cab.</i>	x		Louise Stromberg	x		Denise Thompson ( <i>Youth &amp; Fam</i> )		x	Eileen Hegland ( <i>Worship&amp;Music</i> )	x	
Lynn Meyer (S)/ <i>Evangelism Cab.</i>	x					Grant Olson ( <i>C of C Building</i> )	x		Jeanne Tippery ( <i>Education</i> )	x	
Patrick Forsyth (Fin Admin)	x					Wayne Olson ( <i>St Church Bldg</i> )	x		Shelly Edwards ( <i>Stewardship</i> )	x	
Karen Todd (Financial Sec)		x				Justin Zmyewski ( <i>C of C Grounds</i> )		x	Barb Muller ( <i>W/ELCA</i> )		x

President Krin Berg called the meeting to order at 1:50 pm in the Fellowship Hall of Cross of Christ. This Council meeting occurred immediately following the full cabinet goal-setting session so in the essence of time and the fact that the cabinets had just reviewed their mission and goals, this was declared a business only meeting.

Review of Agenda: President Berg added *Delegate to Synod Assembly* to Old Business. The agenda as amended was unanimously approved upon motion by Lynn Meyer, seconded by Garry Edwards.

**REPORTS:** (Written reports only)

**Pastor Lane's Report: - February**

Maple Syrup is doing well. Volunteers helped install a pipeline this year  
 1 Task force meeting on the ELCA decisions  
 1 Financial meeting  
 4 visits to families who have had deaths 2 funeral planning meetings  
 1 Baptism  
 4 Pre-marriage visits, 3 office visits, three home visits with communion  
 2 Hospital visits  
 1 Houston Ministerium meeting  
 All worship services  
 1 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting  
 Owl Festival Pancakes and Banquet  
 Signed up for Thrivent Choice program

**Pastor Louise's Report: February, 2010:**

Visits: Hospital – 0  
 Home – 5 (1 with communion for 2 people)  
 Phone - 1                      Office Visits: 0  
 Funeral Planning & Visitation: Mildred Gaustad  
 Funeral Planning, Visitation and Funeral: Kathryn Vetsch  
 Events & Activities: VVHC Prayer Group – 1 session  
 Vacation Days: 8 (2 Sundays)    Holiday: 0    Days Off: 2    Medical Leave: 13    Personal Days: 0

**Financial Administrator's Report:** Written report not discussed.

**Financial Secretary's Report:** Written report not discussed.

**CABINET REPORTS:**

**Education Cabinet:** No report

**Evangelism Cabinet Report:** No report

**Finance Cabinet Report:**

The Cabinet met Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup>. We discussed the finances of Cross of Christ. We are behind our giving of last year at the end of February by over \$3000. We also had a fifth Sunday in January that we didn't have in 2009. This is after we have cut the budget the \$18000 we were short last year. If the trend continues we will be behind our budget for 2010 by \$18000 to \$22000 by the end of the year. We were able to meet payroll with the last Sunday offering but not pay all the bills.

We decided on this course of action:

1. Ask the Council to take out a \$10,000 line of credit from Eastwood Bank
2. Publish our monetary figures in the bulletin and the newsletter
3. Meet again in April to look at March figures and the Easter offering to see if we are continuing to fall behind and make further actions as necessary.

**Personnel Cabinet:** No report.

**Property Cabinet:** No report

**Stewardship & Mission:** No report.

**Worship & Music:** No report.

**Youth and Family:** No report.

**WELCA Report by Barb Muller:**

February Do-Days resulted in 21 completed quilts (6 for Seniors, 4 for Ronald McDonald House and 11 for Mission.) Valentine Brunch held on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>: Tickets sold amounted to \$570; expenses were \$437.83 showing a profit of \$132.17 which will be sent to Haiti through Lutheran World Relief.

The March 5<sup>th</sup> World Day of Prayer at Money Creek Methodist. Seven women from Cross of Christ participated in the program.

March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Do Days – Meeting held on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Coming up: April 15<sup>th</sup> – Root River Conference at Trinity Lutheran Church in Spring Grove.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee:** No meeting this month.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Church to Home phone system: Pastor Lane explained the existing phone system for members to listen to worship services from their homes is outdated and can no longer be repaired. Ace Communications Group has submitted a bid for \$1,192.41 to provide ten speaker units with an additional cost of \$20 per month for the circuit. We are now paying a \$58 per month circuit cost for a system that isn't working very well. The new system would have the capability of temporary use in member's homes so the speaker units could be transported from member to member as necessary. After thorough discussion Eileen Hegland made a motion to approve the purchase of ten speakerphone units as proposed by Ace Communications at a cost of \$1,192.41. The purchase is to occur only after funds have been raised to pay for the new system. Sheri Johnson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Delegate to Synod Assembly: Pastor Lane explained he has had difficulty identifying youth members to be delegates to the synod assembly. Krin Abraham-Berg is a delegate and C of C needs two to attend the May 7-8 assembly in Rochester. After discussion, the Council members agreed that next Sunday during worship services we should ask for volunteers to be the second delegate.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Line of Credit with Eastwood Bank for \$10,000: Krin Berg explained the Finance Cabinet's recommendation to establish this line of credit to pay Cross of Christ expenses until such time as the budget can be adjusted downward to coincide with projected income. Lynn Meyer made a motion to approve the establishment of a \$10,000 line of credit with Eastwood Bank with Pastor Lane Zaffke and President Krin Abraham-Berg being authorized to co-sign. The motion was seconded by Jeanne Tippery and was unanimously approved.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Church-Wide Survey Report: Upon questioning, Pastor Lane explained the Executive Board's decision to not share the entire report of the church-wide survey results with all members of the congregation. Rather, on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, members will be invited to a presentation which will give an overview of results. There will be an article in the April *Parish Visitor* regarding this April 11<sup>th</sup> event.

New Carpeting: Sheri Johnsons asked if funds are in place for the new carpeting which is scheduled for installation in the Fellowship Hall. The Property and Finance Cabinets need to communicate regarding the cost and payment methodology for this new carpet and report back to the Council at the April meeting.

**CALENDAR:**

Mar 23	Craft Club	April 1	Maundy Thurs Service 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Communion
Mar 24	7-9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Conf; Lenten Service	April 2	Good Friday – Baptist Church 12:30 Cross of Christ 7:30
Mar 25	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Comm Class; Circle Briefing Contemporary practice	April 3	Easter Vigil
Mar 27	Memorial Service for Bob Jacobson	April 4	Sunrise Service, Easter Brkfst and Easter Service
Mar 28	Contemporary Service	April 5	Office Closed (Monday)
Mar 31	7-9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	April 7	7-9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Finance Cabinet & Exec Bd Mtg
Mar 31	2 <sup>nd</sup> Graders' of Houston Public Schools Field Trip to Syrup Shack	April 8-10	New carpet installed in Fellowship Hall

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm upon motion by Garry Edwards, duly seconded by Ann Abraham.

President Krin Berg led us in the benediction.

Submitted respectfully,

Lynn Meyer - Secretary