

Cross of Christ Church Council

October 18, 2022

6 p.m.

Minutes of Meeting

Mission Statement: “As a fellowship of believers, it is our mission to joyfully proclaim the gospel of Christ in the word and deed, inviting people to worship together, nurturing them in the Christian faith, loving one another and serving a world in need.”

Officers	P	A	Pastors	P	A	Cabinets	P	A	Cabinets	P	A
Larry Jerviss (<i>President</i>)	x		Jeff Forbes (<i>interim</i>)	x		Amy Kulas (<i>Finance</i>)	x		Krin Abraham (<i>Personnel</i>)	x	
Eileen Hegland (<i>Vice President</i>)	x					Jessica Brand (<i>Youth & Family</i>)	x		Kathy Olson (<i>Worship & Music</i>)	x	
Patti Runnigen (<i>Secretary</i>)	x					Keith Herek (<i>C of C Building</i>)		x	Sandy Erickson (<i>Education</i>)	x	
Patrick Forsyth (<i>Fin Admin</i>)	x					Wayne Runnigen (<i>Stone Church Bldg</i>)	x		Heather Chapel (<i>Stewardship</i>)		x
Karen Christensen (<i>Financial Sec</i>)						Rich Botcher (<i>C of C Grounds</i>)		x	Rae Evenson/Elsie Olson (<i>W/ELCA</i>)	x	
						Holly Westby (<i>Evangelism</i>)		x	Vacant (<i>Youth Rep</i>)		

1. Call to order – 6:00 pm

President: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Council: Amen.

2. Devotions-Pastor Jeff Forbes -1st John Ch. 4. Pastor Jeff spoke on the importance of children. Family gives us hope and encouragement. We are a bigger part of a larger family, part of God.

3. Review of the Agenda-No additions

4. Reports:

a. Interim Pastor’s Report

There were no Baptisms or Funerals this past month at Cross of Christ. I am, however, lining up two possible Baptisms for November and I have a Funeral this coming Saturday. Since the Council meeting last month, I went to the first Call Committee meeting with Pastor Barb Streed from the Synod Office on October 22nd. I have taken an active part in the Contemporary Worship service on September 25th, and had Confirmation Orientation on Wednesday, September 28th.

I have eighteen students in Confirmation Class this year. They all showed up for the first class on October 5th. This is the year of the Bible and we will be talking about the important people and stories that every Christian should be aware of from the Old and New Testaments. I have some Power point images I will use from time to time.

The Fall Supper was October 5th, which I helped with and which I thought went very well as I have not been a part of this before, of course. With Karen, our secretary, we ordered Bibles (GNT-Good News Translation) for the Confirmation Class, the Third Graders, and adults who also want to purchase.

Next Sunday is Reformation Sunday, which we will celebrate. The week after that is All Saint's Sunday and then the Stewardship Committee is proceeding along to have their Stewardship program, "Walk with Jesus" next month, November, on the Sundays of the 13th, 20th, and 27th.

Monthly, I share devotions at the Heritage Court at 10:30 a.m. on the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays with Holy Communion on the 2nd Thursday. I am also celebrating Holy Communion at the Valley View Nursing Home on the third Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. (unless they call me to tell me that I shouldn't because of COVID or other outbreaks of illness). In other matters, I continue to make general visits as time permits, bring Home Communion to shut-ins, and those staying in nursing homes. I also attend Conference and Interim Pastors' monthly meetings.

b. President's Report

Report given later in meeting.

c. Secretary's Report

Council meeting minutes from September 20, 2022- Eileen Hegland made a motion to approve the secretary's report for September 20, 2022, and Krin Abraham seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Financial Administrator's Report

September finished with a deficit of (\$6,832). Budget for the month was a deficit of (\$9,205). There were three payrolls during the month, so personnel expenses were higher than most months. Giving was \$817 below budget, but expenses were \$3,297 below budget. Personnel expenses were the main reason for the lower expenses. The Christian Education position has now been filled, however, so personnel expenses should track closer to budget going forward.

For the year, we are at break even as of September 30th. We had planned to be at a (\$17,456) deficit at this point of the year. Personnel expenses are \$23,642 below budget for the year. Giving is \$10,140 below budget for the year. Jessica Brand made a motion to approve the financial report for September, and Wayne Runnigen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Cabinet Reports

a. Education -Sandy reported Sunday School has 10-15 kids per week. Using old material for Sunday School. Candy was bought for Trunk or Treat with the cost of \$100.00.

b. Evangelism-absent

c. Finance- Farmer Insurance has been canceled for the church. Proposal for new Insurance Company will be coming soon. The Budget for next year will have a "cost of living" raise. At the next church council meeting, the official agenda meeting will be looked at. Finance let us know that the cabinet dollar amounts have been given, and please let us know if the amount is okay.

d. Personnel- Krin reported they are waiting on new minister hire.

e. CofC Grounds-The contract for snow removal has been renewed with Adam Olson. Also 4 stumps were removed from the East side of the church grounds.

f. CofC Building-absent

- g. Stone Church/Cemetery Board- Wayne reported that the Southside of Stone Church sidewalk is in! Will pour rest of sidewalk this week. Krin reported they are doing good work!!

Cemetery Board- Wayne reported Royce, Denise, Krin and Duane are working well together on the mapping project for the Stone Church Cemetery. So grateful for all the help! The Cemetery Board will present on Chronicles Mapping Project when the mapping project is complete.

- h. Stewardship & Mission-absent

- i. Worship & Music- Kathy reported that there has been Contemporary Music at the church this month during service and that Bell Practice is coming soon with Eileen. Choir is now up and running and going well!

- j. Youth & Family- Great turn out at Fall Festival @ church. 60-75 people showed up!

Youth & Family Cabinet met in September to plan events for October, November, and December! It is in the plan to elect Youth Group leaders (Pres, VP & Sec) at the same time we have council elections and hold formal meetings to help plan future event and activities.

We had many of the confirmation students present and helping for the Meatball Supper! It was fantastic that the Junior High Coaches were supportive in letting our youth athletes dismiss early to assist. Thank you cards to be sent to volleyball and football coaches for their willingness to let the athletes volunteer to help with the Meatball Supper.

Our first Youth & Family event of 2022 went off with a little wind and lots of fun Sunday, October 16th kids from pre-school to seniors in high school participated in tic-tac-toe, pumpkin painting and painting their own trick or treat bags. Pastor held a short devotion and table prayer before we started the fun and simple supper.

November's event is on the calendar for Saturday the 26th, 2-4 pm.

- k. W/ELCA- Rae reported that October has been a busy month for Cross of Christ. Our Annual Meatball Supper was held on October 5. Our drive through served 850 meals. A thank you for all those members who helped to prepare and serve the meals and clean up after. It demonstrates how well we work together as a congregation. W/ELCA will be looking @ paying for the 3rd grade bibles to be handed out. Rae will introduce to WELCA group for paying for the 3rd grade bibles.

On Saturday, October 8th, Twyla Thorson and Dorothy Bergsgaard delivered our Do Day projects to La Crosse, Wisconsin. The shipment included 87 quilts, 45 personal care kits and 54 school kits. All items go to Lutheran World Relief for distribution. Thanks to everyone who donated supplies and participated in many ways to make our event highly successful. On Friday, October 21st, we will have election of officers, and a thank offering program and a presentation by Shelley Jerviss about our Cross of Christ library.

Looking ahead to November we plan to have our Annual Bazaar on Saturday November 19.

God's blessings,
Elsie Olson and Rae Evenson, WELCA Co-chairs

6. Old Business:

- a. Fall Supper results- Fall Supper results -Wayne commented on how well the Fall Supper went. Approximately 850 people served.
- b. Call Committee -The Call Committee chose Chair Jerry Stempinski, and Communication Director Sue Ferris. Next Tuesday is meeting with mock interview. Sandy Erickson reported that they picked out 10 questions to be asked in interview. Will tell Synod they are ready after mock interview. 3-4 weeks may have an interview or two.
- c. Church Insurance- Grinnell Insurance Company will get back to us with a quote for insurance.
- d. Jordan Beeman completion of Eagle Scout Project w/Terrie the Scout Master-Presentation given.

7. New Business:

- a. Pastor Jeff's contract expires November 30. Krin is asking should we do a month to month or year contract? Synod likes you to do a year contract, but will be considered month to month. Larry Jerviss will get ahold of Synod on contract. Eileen suggested having the contract ready by next Council meeting. Pastor Jeff contract expires Nov 30 – renew.
- b. Wednesday Morning Prayer time will include additional time beyond the group that comes weekly to pray. Open from 9-1 on Wednesdays.
- c. Encourage Volunteerism in Church. More opportunities every day.in Church

8. Calendar –Up Coming events.....

- October 19 Prayer Group, Bell Choir Practice, NO Confirmation Class (MEA)
- October 21 W/ELCA Program
- October 23 Contemporary Worship Service
- October 24 Craft Club
- October 26 Prayer Group, Club 56 and Confirmation Class
- October 28 Houston Business Trick or Treat
- October 30 Reformation Sunday w/Cradle Roll and 3rd Grade Bible Presentation
- November 6 All Saints Sunday w/Communion, Daylight Savings Time Ends

Benediction President: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit order our days and our deeds in his peace. Amen

Meeting adjourned: 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Runnigen, Secretary

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