

Cross of Christ Church Council

Minutes of March 15, 2022 Meeting

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

President Larry Jerviss called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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

Council: Amen

Pr. Jeff Forbes lead the devotion. Genesis Book 1-17.

**REPORTS:**

**Interim Pastor's Report:**

1. I had a funeral February 25th for the family of Virgil Sherburne with Internment at the Stone Church.
2. The church has downgraded to **Mask Recommended** on the advice of the Preparedness Team. This new Covid protocol began February 14<sup>th</sup>.
3. The service for Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, was March 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. I am doing a sermon series on "**Celebrating the Small Catechism**" for the Lenten Wednesday services. We are also using the Holden Evening Prayer Service for the worship part of the service.
4. I will be offering the First Communion Class during the Wednesday of Holy Week, April 13<sup>th</sup>. I am preparing to send out letters to the parents of all the 5<sup>th</sup> graders eligible for the class. I usually hear from some of the members about the class, their first Communion will be the following day at the Maundy Thursday service (April 14<sup>th</sup>). Their names will be in the bulletin so the congregation can celebrate this important milestone in their lives.
5. The Transition Team has met with Pastor Barb Streed of the Synod Office and are ready to begin their work on the MSP (Ministry Site Profile) for Cross of Christ. Our next meeting will be after church on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Members of the Team are: Krin Abraham, Sandy Erickson, Denise Rostad, Janelle Lemke, Ron Evenson, and Steven Thompson.
6. Amanda Langherinrich has resigned as our Parish Administrator. Her last day was March 4<sup>th</sup>. I am currently working with Krin Abraham as she has been filling in lately. I want to thank her for her time and expertise! We will also be doing some interviews soon with possible candidates for the position.
7. Monthly, I share devotions at Heritage Court on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays with Holy Communion on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday. I am also celebrating Holy Communion at Valley View

Nursing Home on those same Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. unless they call me to tell me that I shouldn't because of Covid or other outbreaks of illness.

8. In other matters, I continue to make general visits as time permits, bring Home Communion to shut-ins, and those staying in the nursing homes. I also attend Conference and Interim Pastors' monthly meetings.
9. Have a new member wanting to join church and will meet with the person on how to become a member.
10. Will work on a Time and Talent Sheet to see who is interested in helping out with communion, greeters, and ushers. Possibility to send out in email to congregation versus sign up at church service.

a. **President's Report:**

Larry thanks everyone for stepping it up on the water leak on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

b. **Secretary's Report:**

Krin Abraham made a motion to approve the minutes from February 15, 2022. Holly Westby seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

c. **Financial Administrator's Report:**

Patrick reported February finished with a surplus of \$803.00. We expected to break even in February. Giving was \$1,069.00 below budget. Lower personnel expenses (Christian Education and Choir) more than offset this.

For the year, we are running \$2,000.00 ahead of budget. Our surplus is \$2,000.00 vs. a budgeted surplus of \$89.00.

Motion given by Amy Kulas to approve financial report and seconded by Sandy Erickson. Motion carried unanimously.

Patrick mentioned that a family showed up at church in regards to money for gas to get home. Patrick did write out a check with Cross of Christ checking book for \$20.00. Would like to have a discretionary fund for this sort of thing if it comes up again. Motion of safe harbor and have the money come out of general fund for \$20.00 to be used for gas and/or food at local businesses. Krin Abraham made a motion to approve safe harbor fund and Holly Westby seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **CABINET REPORTS:**

a. **Education:**

Sandy reported three children came to Sunday school March 13<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Jeff, Rae Evenson, Lisa Skifton and Mary Jore are leading Sunday School. Hoping more children will be coming to Sunday School. Confirmation kids have agreed to volunteer to help.

b. **Evangelism:**

Holly made ribbons and distributed to local businesses and the church in regards to Ukraine.

Holly will send thank you to people that are visiting our church and Krin will make sure Holly has access to these thank you cards.

c. **Finance:**

A finance audit was performed by Amy Kulas and Gwen Rostad on January 27, 2022 at Bluff Country Financial and all looked well.

d. **Personnel:**

Pastor Jeff and Krin are planning to begin the interview process soon for a new Office Administrator.

e. **C of C Grounds:**

Wayne reported he got ahold of Trent Edwards and he has stepped down from his position as C of C Grounds. Trent will be involved but no longer the leader. He will continue doing snow removal for this year. Looking for a new C of C Grounds person.

f. **C of C Building:**

The closer for the door of the women's restroom is broken. We looked into repairing it, but as old as it is, we're probably just going to replace it. The cost of a new closer is about \$150.00.

We had a water leak from the restroom on Sunday. It looks like there was a small crack in the pipe in the wall. We're going to replace the bad section of pipe.

The rest of pipe appears to be in good shape. We also installed a shut-off for the water supply to the restroom. There doesn't seem to be any water damage from the leak.

g. **Stone Church & Cemetery Board:**

Wayne reported that the Cemetery Board will be doing Rummage Sale during the City Wide Rummage Sale and requesting the use of the Church Carport for the sale. Rummage sale will be held Friday, 4/29 and Saturday, 4/30?

Adam Drenckhahn will be giving a bid on seamless gutter for the Stone Church along with other bids.

h. **Stewardship & Missions:**

Heather was absent. No report.

i. **Worship & Music:**

j. Kathy reported she would also like a Time and Talent Sheet distributed. Once we find out who is willing to help with communion, she will be able to hold an official training class. Would be nice to put in parish visitor who the greeters, communion leaders, and ushers will be for the month. Easter Service will be held 7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. with an Easter Breakfast to be held 8-9 a.m.

k. **Youth & Family:**

Jessica was absent. No report.

l. **WELCA Council Report**

Do Days on February 14-15, the women made 6 quilts for our graduates and 15 mission quilts.

Two quilts were sold at \$75.00 each.

Several school kits and care kits were assembled with the help of one of our confirmands.

The new 2022 WELCA Handbook has been mailed to all our serving group women.

Mary George is our new mission hospitality chairperson.

Our March do days have been postponed until April 4-5.

Root River Conference WELCA Spring Retreat is scheduled on Saturday May 7 at Chatfield Lutheran.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Transition Team Update:

Voting on Transition Team members: Krin Abraham, Sandy Erickson, Denise Rostad, Janelle Lemke, Ron Evenson, and Steven Thompson.

Holly Westby moved to approve the Transition Team and Kathy Olson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. April Council meeting dates:

Executive Council Meeting: Thursday, April 21

Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 26

Krin Abraham made a motion to approve both meeting times, and Kathy Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Easter Breakfast:

Easter Breakfast this year will be on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 8-9 a.m. Ron Evenson is the head of the Easter Breakfast which consist of having sweet rolls and hard boil eggs. Motion to have Easter Breakfast by Rae Evenson and seconded by Wayne Runningen. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Replacement of C of C Grounds Cabinet Member will be discussed next month as we give some thought of as who?

4. **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Discussion on palms to be handed out on Palm Sunday. Order has been placed by Amanda.

Discussion on Easter flowers for service. It was decided this year that congregation can bring their own and fill out information on who they are in honor of or memory of.

5. **Upcoming Events:**

\*March 16, 23, and 30 and April 6 and 13 Prayer group

\*March 16, 23, and April 6 and 13 Confirmation and Club 56

\*March 22 Bloodmobile

\*March 23 and 30 and April 6 Lenten services

\*March 24 and April 14 and 28 Pastor visits Heritage Court and Valley View

\*March 27 and April 10 Worship Service; March 20 and April 3 and 17 (Easter) Holy Communion

\*April 4 and 5 Do Days

\*April 10 Cemetery Board meeting

\*April 13 First Communion Class

\*April 14 Maundy Thursday w/First Communion

\*April 15 Good Friday

\*April 17 Easter Sunday

\*April 21 Executive Council meeting

\*April 26 Church Council meeting

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Patti Runnigen, Secretary

CROSS OF CHRIST CONGREGATION COUNCIL

















