

Cross of Christ Church Council

Minutes of February 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 Runningen (Secretary)	X					Keith Herek (C of C Building)	X		Sandy Erickson (Education)	X	
Patrick Forsyth (Fin Admin)	X					Wayne Runningen (Stone Church Bldg)	X		Heather Chapel (Stewardship)		X
Amanda Langheinrich (Financial Sec)		X				Trent Edwards (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.

Pr. Jeff Forbes lead the devotion. Gospel of John 12-17.

REPORTS:

Interim Pastor's Report:

1. New year and new people on board. Welcome to new members Larry Jerviss, President and Patti Runningen, Secretary.
2. Past Pastoral Acts: Baptism for Shylee Heidi Ann Booker at Cross of Christ, daughter of Nicholas Booker and Reginia Meyer on December 12th. Funeral on January 17th for the family of Nancy Forsyth with internment at the Stone Church.
3. The church was under quarantine for Christmas Eve through January 3rd. Services were still streamed. According to Facebook viewing numbers were high. I was gone December 27-31.
4. The church activated a **Mask Requirement** on the advice of the Preparedness Team through Sunday, February 13th. After that date masks would be recommended but not required.
5. Ash Wednesday will be March 2nd. There will be Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. I am looking into doing a sermon series on the Small Catechism for the Lenten season. The Cabinet will be meeting after Ash Wednesday to

- decide what the liturgy will be, whether the Holden Evening Prayer Service again for the worship service or something else.
6. In other matters, Covid infections seem to be going down in our area as well as our country. I have not done as many visits as I usually do but continue to make phone calls and make some contact with people other ways. I share devotions at Heritage Court on the 2nd and 3rd Thursday with Holy Communion on the 2nd Thursday. I am making calls presently to start making some home visits.
 7. The Transition Team is ready to begin their work on the MSP(Ministry Site Profile). Members of the Team are Krin Abraham, Sandy Erickson, Denise Rostad, Janelle Lemke, Ron Evenson, and Stephen Thompson. I have contacted Bishop Assistant Pastor Barb Streed about the Transition Team's readiness. She would like to meet with them at their first meeting so we are talking about possible dates for that.
 8. Due to Covid what does the future hold for Cross of Christ.
 9. Communion cards worked well at service. Pew pads in the future (possibly March).
 10. Interims are allowed to go home twice a month and congregation is allowed to pay for one round trip a month for mileage that Pr. Jeff would turn in. Council is onboard with this. Mileage is already in the budget. Will backpay to January. Motion made by Krin Abraham to have retroactive pay starting in January for mileage and therefore after (one round trip per month for mileage) for Pr. Jeff seconded by Wayne Runningen. Motion carried unanimously.

a. **President's Report:**

No report as this is first meeting. He wanted to thank everyone on nominating committee for his nomination.

b. **Secretary's Report:**

Krin Abraham made a motion to approve the minutes from January 18, 2022. Eileen Hegland seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Patrick reported surplus of \$1198.00 for January. Giving was down \$695.00 and expenses down almost \$2200.00 below budget due to unfilled positions which include personnel cabinet and other misc. items. Motion given by Eileen Hegland to approve the January financial report and Jessica Brand seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **CABINET REPORTS:**

- a. **Education:**
Sandy has nothing to report.
- b. **Evangelism:**
Holly would like to reach out to people and welcome them with thank you cards. Amanda has recording of weekly visitors attending church and could place in a box for Holly to write welcome and thank you notes to visitors.
- c. **Finance:**
Amy had nothing new to report.
- d. **Personnel:**
Krin would love to have Choir & Sunday School start up again. Do assessment on what is going to work. Pandemic in the way of getting this done.
- e. **C of C Grounds:**
Trent absent. No report.
- f. **C of C Building:**
Keith absent. No report.
- g. **Stone Church & Cemetery Board:**
Wayne has collected data that needs someone with computer skills to help put information together. Does anyone know of a person that would have interest in doing this? Needs a mapping program to complete. In regards to gravesites, they are checked with a prod to make sure the mapping is right. Slow process and help is needed to speed up this process. A lot of stuff upfront before we find someone for mapping. Looking for volunteers.
- h. **Stewardship & Missions:**
Heathe absent. No report.
- i. **Worship & Music:**
Kathy would like to establish when the Lenten service will be held- 7 or 7:30 p.m.? Discussion was held and decided that Confirmation will be 6:30-7:30. Lenten service @ 7:30 p.m. Lenten service is a shorter service. Still do Holden service.
- j. **Youth & Family:**
Jessica Brand suggested to do a fall school supply drive. Discussion was also on doing a winter supply drive-mittens, hats, school supplies, and snacks. Eileen suggested let us try volunteers to donate money for

snacks before requesting \$250 for snacks. There is talk surrounding a campout this summer at church for Youth!

k. **WELCA Council Report February 2022**

The first meeting of the year was held on Friday, January 28. Pastor Jeff introduced our 2022 Bible Study based on Ecclesiastes entitled "Through This Vain World."

We are in the process of assembling a new handbook for our church women.

Do Days were held on Monday and Tuesday, February 14th, and 15th and was successful! Linda Kulas quilting supplies were donated by Tom Kulas to the church.

New bulletin board of photos from Do Days was placed on a bulletin board in the fellowship hall by Lynn Meyer.

Due to Covid concerns there will be no Valentine brunch this year.

Mary George is now in charge of all serving groups.

Beautiful quilts were made for graduating seniors.

Upcoming events:

March 4th – World Day of Prayer, No local event this year

March 21st and 22nd - Do Days

WELCA Co-presidents

Elsie Olson & Rae Evenson

3. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Security system is up and running. Amanda has not reported any issues. Thank you to Wayne Runningen for taking care of this.

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Voting on Transition Team-Team Members are: Krin Abraham, Sandy Erickson, Janelle Lemke, Denise Rostad, Ron Evenson and Steven Thompson. Motion by Holly to approve the Transition Team and Kathy Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Wayne Runningen will reach out to Trent Edwards regarding Cross of Christ Grounds position.

Patrick Forsythe is meeting with Bremer on Thursday, February 17 in regards to layout plan on the future of the bank in Houston. Patrick recommends to stay with Bremmer Bank for a few months until we find out the future of the Houston Bank.

5. **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

6. **Upcoming Events:**

*February 16, 23 and March 2 and 9-Prayer Group

*February 27 and March 13 Worship Service; February 20 and March 6 Holy Communion

- *March 2 and 9 Lenten services
- *February 16, 23, March 2 and 9 Confirmation and Club 56
- *February 20 and March??-Pastor visit Heritage Court
- *March 2 Ash Wednesday
- *March 10 Executive Council meeting
- *March 13 Cemetery Board meeting
- *March 13-4H
- *March 21 and 22 Do Days
- *March 15 Church Council meeting

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Runnigen, Secretary
CROSS OF CHRIST CONGREGATION COUNCIL