

Cross of Christ Church Council

Minutes of June 21, 2022 Meeting

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 Runningen <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 Runningen <i>(Stone Church Bldg)</i>		X	Heather Chapel <i>(Stewardship)</i>		X
Karen Christensen <i>(Financial Sec)</i>		X				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>		

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

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

Let us search for peace and share with others.

3. Review of the Agenda

4. Reports

a. **Interim Pastor’s Report**

Pastoral Acts: Sunday, May 22nd, I had two Baptisms during the worship service for Kodiak John, the son of Amanda Schmoker & Travis Peterson; and Aspen Louise, daughter of Travis Peterson. I had two funerals since the last Council meeting for Scott Bloomquist on Saturday, May 28th, at 11:00 AM at Cross of Christ; and one for Lucille Schiebstad on Saturday, June 4th, at 11:00 AM at the Stone Church.

We also recognized our High School Graduates from Cross of Christ on Sunday, June 22nd. They were: Emma Chapel, Karalee Christensen, Calley Colsch, Aydan Florin, Hayden Griggs, Isaac Heyer, Therese Jore, Grace Rohweder. They each received a quilt from the WELCA Do Day members.

Baccalaureate service was held at the Houston High School gymnasium on Wednesday, June 8th at 7:00 pm. Since I was the new Pastor in the district I was in charge of

planning and preaching at the event. I did not have all the information on how it was done so I am passing on information I learned later to whoever will be planning it next year. Last time I did it was in 2005 when I was new at Looney Valley and it was so different from what it has become now.

I have sent out an email to the Transition Team to have a meeting this Thursday night, June 23rd, and start filling out the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). If we have questions about how to answer some sections, we can focus on them with random members of the church. Members of the Team are Krin Abraham, Sandy Erickson, Denise Rostad, Janelle Lemke, Ron Evenson, and Stephen Thompson.

Monthly, I share devotions at Heritage Court at 10:30 AM on the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays with Holy Communion on the 2nd Thursday. I am also celebrating Holy Communion at Valley View Nursing Home on the third Thursdays at 10:00 AM (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.

Dave Amundson funeral will be held on Saturday July 2nd. Discussion with the family on the use of the projector and screen for the funeral. Pastor Jeff will contact the Amundson family to take look at what the church has to offer so they can make a decision if they want to bring in a 65" TV or use what is available.

I will be on vacation July 11-17. If needed, the communion service can be switched to July 24.

Communion cards are needed at the Stone Church.

b. President's Report:

Apology for not getting reminder out for upcoming church council mtg.

c. Secretary's Report:

Krin Abraham made a motion to approve the secretary's report for May 17, 2022 and Holly Westby seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Financial Administrator's Report:

We had a surplus of \$2,883 in May vs. a budgeted deficit of (\$1,057). Giving and other revenue were almost on budget. Expenses were \$4,300 under budget, mainly due to lower personnel costs.

For the year, we have a surplus of \$8,331 vs. a budgeted deficit of (\$1,344). Giving is \$5,708 below budget for the year, but expenses are \$16,399 below budget. Lower personnel costs make up most of the difference in expenses.

Eileen Hegland made a motion to approve the May 17th financial administrators report. Jessica Brand seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **CABINET REPORTS:**

a. **Education:**

Sandy Erickson reported that she met with Pastor Jeff and Diane Larson regarding Bible School. Diane Larson has agreed to be the Bible School Leader. Bible School will be held August 7-11 from 6-8 p.m. A light meal will be offered @ 5:30 p.m. This will be placed in the Parish Visitor and mentioned during church service.

b. **Evangelism:**

Holly Westby reported that she has been active with the Meet up and Eat up program, Meals on Wheels, Hunger Task force and Hwy Clean-up.

c. **Finance:**

Amy Kulas reported “Gifts of Grain” program made \$1200.00 to be given to church.

d. **Personnel**

Krin will place an ad for a Sunday School Director on Facebook and possibly the local newspaper.

e. **C of C Grounds:**

Rich Botcher (absent)

f. **C of C Building:**

Keith Herek (absent)

g. **Stone Church:**

Stone Church/Cemetery Board bought 3 loads of rock for the price of 2 from Bruening Rock Products. Patrick will need to charge the bill to the Stone Church Building.

h. **Stewardship & Missions:**

Heather Chapel (absent)

i. **Worship & Music:**

Kathy is working on the alter guild process. A meeting is set up for August 3rd @ 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be put in the Parish Visitor and a mention at church for those interested.

j. **Youth & Family:**

Jessica would like to see more information be placed on the Facebook page. Young people use this avenue more than any other avenue.

k. **W/ELCA:**

Elsie reported that W/ELCA will be having a “Sundaes on Sunday” July 10th @ the Stone Church with Live Music. W/ELCA is also looking into a September outing which will include men as well. Looking into use of the Carlson soft serve machine or Houston County Dairy soft serve machine to rent.

6. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Designate where Bingo funds to be donated:

Non-profits chosen are: Meet up and Eat up and Hollidazzle
Jessica Brand made a motion to allocate the money to Meet up and Eat up and Hollidazzle
Krin Abraham seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

It was discussed by council and decided that Bingo will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday @ Hoedown. President Larry Jerviss will call to let him know.

Council meeting in July?

With a busy Council it was decided to have a meeting on July 19th.

Zoom Meeting Account:

Pastor Jeff will have Karen make payment for the zoom account.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Budget for new office computer and iPad for on-line broadcasts:

We will keep in mind to place in the budget for next year. Program will be obsolete in 2024.

Church will need to purchase an Ipad for on-line broadcasts.

Sunday School Coordinator:

Education will work on ad to get out. We still need to work out the details.

Broadcast fee for Funerals (Hoff include fee):

Church Council is discussing if a fee should be added for on-line broadcast of funeral. A cost of \$25.00. per broadcast.

Alarm System (Video capable?):

Church Council is going to reach out to Paul or Keith in regards to an alarm system for the church. Elsie suggested locking back door and during week leave just front door open. Cabinet will do research on this. Amy will ask John if county offers a session on church safety.

Church Landscaping:

Eileen contacted Rich Botcher to see about setting up a volunteer day to pull weeds around Cross of Christ Church.

Tech Support report:

Krin mentioned that Bradley from Budnick Innovations can come in and do tech support work for the church without a contract. Motion to approved by Eileen Hegland to use Budnick Innovations and second Kathy to hire Budnick when necessary. Motion carried.

8. **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Encourage Volunteerism in Church:

Larry mentioned getting volunteerism in the church. Pastor Jeff will write up something in the Parish visitor and place on Poster Boards with on the importance of volunteering.

Amy mentioned sign-up sheet for acolyte and using on-line sign-up genius.

9. **Upcoming Events:**

- *June 25 W/ELCA Women's Day at Good Earth Village
- *July 4 Looney Valley Church outing
- *July 19 Council
- *July 10 Sundaes on Sunday
- *July 24 Hoedown Queen Judging
- *July 29-31 Hoedown

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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