

## *Cross of Christ Church Council*

### Minutes of April 26, 2022 Meeting

Officers	P	A	Pastors	P	A	Cabinets	P	A	Cabinets	P	A
Larry Jerviss ( <i>President</i> )	X		Pr. Jeff Forbes	X		Amy Kulas ( <i>Finance</i> )		X	Krin Abraham ( <i>Personnel</i> )	X	
Eileen Hegland ( <i>Vice President</i> )	X					Jessica Brand ( <i>Youth &amp; Family</i> )		X	Kathy Olson ( <i>Worship &amp; 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
Vacant ( <i>Financial Sec</i> )						Vacant ( <i>C of C Grounds</i> )			Rae Evenson/Elsie Olson ( <i>W/ELCA</i> )	X	
						Holly Westby ( <i>Evangelism</i> )	X		Vacant ( <i>Youth Rep</i> )		

President Larry Jerviss called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Pr. Jeff Forbes lead the devotion-1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians

#### **REPORTS:**

##### **a. Interim Pastor's Report**

Pastoral Acts- I had one funeral this last Saturday April 23 for the family of Ruth Sherry with interment at the Stone Church. For May I have three baptisms scheduled for now and I am looking at a fourth one as well. I also have a funeral for Scott Bloomquist scheduled for Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

We have just finished Lent and Holy Week as of the middle of April. Our Lenten Sermon Series on Wednesday evenings was entitled “**Celebrating the Small Catechism**”. We used the Holden Evening Prayer Service and I want to thank the musicians who sang and played. I thought Holy Week services also went well and I thank people stepping up to help where needed. I was pleased with the services and the attendance.

The First Communion Class was held during the Wednesday of Holy Week, April 13<sup>th</sup>. There were 13 students present with parents-twelve 5<sup>th</sup> graders and one 7<sup>th</sup> grader. The twelve 5<sup>th</sup> graders communed for the first time on Maundy Thursday, the next evening, and received their special communion cups as well.

Confirmation is wrapping up with an Affirmation of Baptism service this Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. We have seventeen students to be Confirmed in their faith. The seventeen young people who have completed the requirements for the service of Affirmation of Baptism: Colin Albrecht-Lynch, Emily Botcher, Caitlin Brand, William Carlson, Julia Carr, Ellasyn Carrier, Destiny Eddy, Korey Frauenkron, Asta Griggs, Casey Herek, Aden Kulas, Amanda Larson, John Lee, Hannah Olson, Zachary Olson, Morgan Rohweder, and Miyah Seekamp.. I would ask the Council to make a motion to approve these young people for the service of Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, during the service.

We hired a new Office Administrator for the church office. I worked together with Krin Abraham, Chair of Personnel, to interview and recommend Karen Christianson as the new Office

Administrator to the Church Council-pending their approval. I also want to sincerely thank Krin for filling in during the time in between!

The Transition Team met after church on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. We decided to do some short surveys of the Congregation members at the end of worship for the next few weeks, excluding Confirmation Sunday, to glean information about who we are as a church and what skills we are looking for in a Pastor. Members of the Team are Krin Abraham, Sandy Erickson, Denise Rostad, Janelle Lemke, Ron Evenson, and Stephen Thompson. I thank them for giving their time, talent, and interest in helping find the next Pastor for Cross of Christ!

Monthly, I share devotions at Heritage Court at 10:30 a.m. 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 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:**

I would like to thank Krin and Pastor Jeff for taking care of the new hire process.

**c. Secretary's Report:**

*Eileen Hegland made a motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting. Krin Abraham seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

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

We finished March at almost break even and ahead of budget. We had a deficit of (\$698) vs. a planned deficit of (\$1,376). Giving was \$690 below budget. Expenses were approximately \$1600 below budget, primarily due to lower personnel costs. Year to date we have a surplus of \$1,303 vs. a budgeted deficit of (\$1,287).

**e. Financial Secretary's Report:**

Krin mentioned the Give Plus and Vanco confusion. If recurring person is giving through Give Plus they will not know that it is no longer working.

**CABINET REPORTS:**

**f. Education:**

Sandy Erickson spoke with Pastor Jeff and mentioned moving confirmation to a 2-year program instead of 3-year. Krin said they can get confirmation done in 2 years. Just 7 & 8 and no 9<sup>th</sup> grade so then they can have confirmation right afterschool. Much easier for parents and students. Eileen thought that the students may be more willing if only 2 years. Confirmation could be one year of the Bible and one year of the Catechism.

Sunday School is wrapped up for the year. Will revisit in the summer to regroup on Sunday School Program.

**g. Evangelism:**

Holly mentioned Highway Clean-up and wondering if we have a date in mind. Any suggestions who can help? Holly also mentioned that HWY Clean-up is usually done in the Spring and Fall. Rae suggested to ask confirmands if they would be willing to help with clean-up. Eileen suggested to get kids and adults to help on a Wednesday. Suggested date of May 24 and alternate date of May 25. May 25<sup>th</sup> is Cemetery Clean-up and Wayne has NHS helping out May 24 from 1:30-3:00

p.m. Krin is willing to get ahold of school for help from NHS. Holly will let County know of the road clean-up dates.

Holly also wants to send out thank you notes to visitors at our church. The form will be redone to reflect a spot to mark as guest or member.

**h. Finance:**

Amy Kulas absent. The Synod sent out a mailing from 40 Together. Cross of Christ gave \$1,000.00 to 40 Together last year (Global mission from Endowment). Will Cross of Christ give again to the Synod this year?

**i. Personnel:**

Krin reported that they received one application and two partial applications for Office Administrator. Karen Christianson will be the new Office Administrator. Krin mentioned she will be an asset to the church.

**j. C of C Grounds:**

Vacant position

**k. C of C Building:**

Keith Herek absent. Refrigerator is fixed. Rae Evenson mentioned that the Women of WELCA will take care of the bill for the refrigerator.

**l. Stone Church:**

Stone Church Cemetery Clean-up will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup> starting @ 9 a.m. with a Potluck. Wayne talked about there being no bid back on the new gutters and will step it up to find someone. Financially, Stone Church will take care of the bill. Rummage Sale is being held Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30.

**m. Stewardship & Missions:**

Heather Chapel absent

**n. Worship & Music:**

Kathy has a call out for May communion servers. Karen will be taking care of the scheduling of communion servers. Larry Jerviss volunteered to be a communion server.

**o. Youth & Family:**

Jessica Brand absent.

**p. W/ELCA:**

Do Days were held on April 4 & 5. Potluck lunch was served both days. The business meeting was held on April 4<sup>th</sup> @ NOON. Members were informed that our kitchen refrigerator stopped working so Cox Hardware has ordered replacement parts. WELCA members voted to pay for the repairs.

WELCA voted to pay for carnations for the fifth graders who receive first communion on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Twenty-nine mission quilts were completed in the two days.

Root river Conference Spring Gathering will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> at Chatfield Lutheran. Kathy Little will be the guest speaker. The theme for the conference is “Paul’s Message of Love.”

Stone Church cleaning will be held on May 25 to prepare the church for summer services. A potluck lunch will be held. We hope to get a good turnout as “many hands make for light work”.

Our WELCA Stone Church meeting for May will be held Friday, May 27 at 11:00 a.m. An old fashion Ladies Aid lunch will be served. In 1999 a program about the history of our Ladies Aid groups was compiled and presented by Doris Benson. We encourage our ladies to wear a vintage hat or apron to celebrate this event. Everyone is welcome!

**1. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Pastor Jeff reported questionnaire filled out after church service from the Transition Team.
- b. Time and Talent sheet was reviewed by church council for any deletion or addition they may have. Eileen asked how the Time and Talent sheet will be distributed. Pastor Jeff thought it would be good to place online, Parish Visitor and sent out as a letter. Council feels the mailing would be the way to go. Would have extras available at church. Pastor Jeff will write the letter to go with the Time and Talent Sheet. Execute Committee will then approve at next meeting and then it will be mailed out.

**2. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Appoint Richard Botcher to replace Trent Edwards (C of C Grounds Cabinet Chair). Eileen spoke with Richard and he has agreed to do this for the rest of Trent's term as long as he can do this alone. Approved by Council. Eileen made a motion to approve Richard Botcher and Holly Westby seconded the motion. Motion carried. Eileen will let Richard Botcher know.
- b. Approval of Karen Christianson as Office Administrator. Motion to approve by Krin and seconded by Rae. Motion carried. Krin will type up hiring memo and attach to report.

**3. OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- a. Church time of Worship was discussed. Consensus is the 9:30 a.m. time. Eileen suggested to start in the Fall. Church Council will vote in July or August.
- b. Eileen suggested we pay Krin Abraham for filling in as Office Administrator. Church Council had discussion regarding this and thanks Krin for her service. Krin thought about amount of 10 hours per week and 10 hours donated to the church, A motion was made by Eileen Hegland and seconded by Holly Westby. Motion carried.
- c. Coffee Hour will return May 8<sup>th</sup> for the rest of this month. Will return Coffee Hour in the Fall.

**4. Upcoming Events:**

**April 29 & 30 Stone Church Cemetery Rummage Sale**

**May 1 Confirmation**

**May 7 WELCA Root River Conference at Chatfield**

**May 8 Mother's Day**

**May 14 Nadia at the Commonweal (a show written by Nina Fisher, Fritz Nelson's wife)**

**May 21 Triathlon**

**May 22 High School Choir Concert in Sanctuary**

**May 25 Stone Church Cleaning Day**

**May 29 Start of summer schedule with Worship**

**May 30 Memorial Day**

**June 13 & 14 Do Days**

**June 25 WELCA Women's Day at Good Earth Village**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Patti Runningen, Secretary

CROSS OF CHRIST CONGREGATION COUNCIL

