

**Cross of Christ Church Council
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2024, 6:00 pm**

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.”

Officers	P	A	Pastors	P	A	Cabinet	P	A	Cabinet	P	A
Sandy Erickson (President)	X		Pr. Dana Jackson	X		Steve Halvorson (Finance)		X	Keith Herek (C of C Building)		X
Brad Hongerholt (Vice President)	X					Mike Berg (Evangelism)	X		Wayne Runningen (Stone Church)	X	
Marsha Benson (Secretary)	X					Tyler Marshall (Stewardship)		X	Chuck Halvorson (C of C Building)	X	
Patrick Forsyth (Financial Admin.)		X				Ron Evenson (Personnel)	X		Lyn Halvorson (Co-Chair WELCA)	X	
Karen Christensen (Financial Secretary)		X				Kathy Olson (Worship & Music)	X		Elsie Olson (Co-Chair WELCA)	X	
						Heather Reay (Education)	X		Jessica Brand (Youth & Family)	X	
									Caitlin Brand (C of C Youth Rep.)		X

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 Dana Jackson
3. Review of the Agenda
4. Reports –
 - a. Pastor’s Report –
 - Lenten Soup Suppers and Holden Evening Prayer Services**
 - Average of 75 people attending soup suppers
 - Average Worship Attendance 100 people +
 - Worship Leaders: Club 56, Confirmation Class and 3 High School Students
 - Musicians: Eileen Hegland and Jake Olson
 - Study of the stain glass windows
 - Rotation Sunday School**
 - Theme: *Good Samaritan*
 - Music: Jessica Brand

Maker's Space: Ann and Mike Markegard
Kitchen: Karen and Al Christensen
Theatre: Pastor Dana
12 kids attended last Sunday

Theme: *Empty Tomb*

Music: Jessica Brand
Maker's Space: Ann and Mike Markegard
Kitchen: Denise Rostad
Theatre: Pastor Dana

First Communion Classes

April 7 & 14
5th graders
11:30 – 12:30 pm following Sunday School

Pastor Dana asked if the congregation would consider having only one service each Sunday all summer at the Stone Church. A discussion of if this was doable and how to accomplish this was held. We could provide rides for those who don't drive. The services would be live streamed. Jessica would be able to advertise the change. Jessica made a motion to have only one service each Sunday from May 26th through August 31st at the Stone Church this summer. Motion seconded by Mike Berg. Motion carried unanimously.

b. President's Report

c. Secretary's Report - Council meeting minutes from February 20, 2024

A motion was made by Ron Evenson to approve the February 20, 2024 Church Council minutes, seconded by Lyn Halvorson. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Financial Administrator's Report

5. Cabinet Reports

a. Education

b. Evangelism –

Brad Hongerholt and Mike Berg picked up food at the Hunger Task Force on March 5 to help Laurie LeGrande out for the Houston Food Pantry. We ended up with 176 pounds. Working with Vicky McKay, Mike delivered Meals on March 18. Ellen Hongerholt had 5 members of her bible study met last Saturday. It went very well, as they decided they wanted to meet more often. Mike is still working on getting an announcement for a men's group as well. A reminder that our bi-annual roadside ditch cleanup is Sunday April 21. We will be looking for volunteers to help with that. A notice put in the bulletin this month. Mike will call the state to let them know that the roadside cleanup will be April 21st.

c. Finance –

Attached are the financials for February. Similar to January, giving is below budget, but expenses are right on budget. Giving was \$3,803 below budget for the month. We finished with a deficit of \$3,405 vs. a budgeted surplus of \$1,000. For the year, we are about \$7,000 behind on budget. There were questions on the February snow removal billing. Motion was made by Chuck Halvorson to approve the finance report, seconded by Jessica Brand. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Personnel – Cabinet members Ann Abraham, Dave Runningen, Ron Evenson met with Pastor Dana for her first annual review on February 22.

e. CofC Grounds –

1. Parking Lot – Chuck is checking into putting parking lines on the back parking lot.

2. Maxwell White will charge half price for plumbing services for churches.

3. True Green – The church is contracted with True Green for 4 services per year. They had just serviced the lawn this week.

4. Lawn mowing – We are contracted with Meyers from Caledonia.

f. C of C Building

1. Winona Controls came in and replaced some bad bearings on one of the blower motor fans for the furnace.

2. Replaced some bad bulbs in the hallway by the front door and the offices. Upgraded to LEDs.

3. Added some extenders to the bulbs in the choir loft fixtures. Contacted Key Electric to see if this is to code. If not, will see what other options are available to us.

4. Looking at ways to make Pastor Dana's and the office doors more soundproof.

5. Longer extenders will be coming this week for the choir loft.

f. Stone Church/Cemetery – It's time to clean up the southeast corner of the cemetery. It's been several years since it's been taken care of. Richard Botcher will help with the trimming of the trees.

g. Stewardship & Mission – Tyler will give a temple talk at the April 7th church service regarding the importance of the carpet project.

h. Worship & Music – Easter services are planned.

i. Youth & Family – Easter breakfast is planned. All the eggs and syrup will be donated. Thrivent will make a donation for breakfast supplies.

k. W/ELCA – There were 24 to 26 quilts finished at Do Days. These will be for our senior students and the missions. The Easter Bake and Craft Sale will be Saturday, March 23rd. The last Saturday in June is when the WELCA ladies camp at Good Earth Camp will be. A carpool will be arranged for those going.

l. Youth Representative

6. Old Business:

We will need 65 dozen donated eggs for the Easter breakfast. 55 are needed for the scrambled eggs and 10 dozen for hard boiled eggs.

7. New Business:

A suggestion was made to have each member of the council make a poster letting the congregation get to know the council members. They could be posted on a church bulletin board.

8. Open Discussion:

9. Calendar –Up Coming events.....

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| • March 20 | 11:00 Prayer Group/5:30 Soup Supper/6:30 Lenten Worship |
| • March 23 | Easter Bake & Craft Sale 10-1 |
| • March 24 | Palm Sunday |
| • March 28 | Maundy Thursday Worship |
| • March 29 | Good Friday Worship |
| • March 31 | Easter Worship/Breakfast/No Sunday School/Private Rental |
| • April 3,10,17 | Prayer Group/Confirmation/Club 56/Simple Supper |
| • April 7 | Worship w/Noisy Offering |
| • April 21 | Roadside Cleanup |
| • April 22 | WELCA Do Days with Potluck (noon business mtg) |
| • April 23 | WELCA Do Days with Potluck/Council Mtg./First Day of Spring |

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

Amen

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.