

Cross of Christ Church Council

Minutes of January 18, 2022 Meeting

Officers	P	A	Pastors	P	A	Cabinets	P	A	Cabinets	P	A
Eileen Hegland (President)	X		Pr. Jeff Forbes	X		Amy Kulas (Finance)	X		Krin Abraham (Personnel)	X	
Jill Hahn (Vice President)	X					Jessica Brand (Youth & Family)	X		Kathy Olson (Worship & Music)	X	
Paige Markegard (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 Eileen Hegland called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Pr. Jeff Forbes lead the devotion. He spoke of how we are in a transition time. Although it's not the easiest of times to be in, it can be fun and exciting. It can motivate us to really look at who C of C is, what we do and what we want to be like in the future. We have to come up with a vision.

REPORTS:

a. Interim Pastor's Report

- i. Pastor Jeff wanted to highlight that he did a baptism on December 12th as well as a Funeral on January 17th. He has shifted from doing in-person visitations to phone calls due to the current state of the COVID pandemic. He is looking forward to doing in-person visits again.

b. President's Report:

Eileen didn't have a report. She wanted to thank Jill and Paige for being on council as this is their last meeting as council members. This is also Eileen's last meeting as council president. She will be taking over as Vice President this year.

c. Secretary's Report:

- i. *Jill Hahn made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2021 meeting. Krin Abraham seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

d. Financial Administrator's Report:

- i. December 2021
 1. We finished December with a surplus of \$1,462.03 vs. a budgeted surplus of \$2,176. Giving was slightly below budget, \$17,970.54 vs budgeted \$20,215.63.
 2. Total expenses were \$1,398 below budget.
- ii. 2021 YTD
 1. We finished 2021 with a surplus of \$1,595; the budget called for a deficit of (\$13,929). (These numbers exclude the forgiven PPP loan, with the PPP loan the total net income for the year is \$28,895.65 vs. a budget of \$13,370.09)
- iii. Respectfully submitted by Patrick Forsyth

Amy Kulas made a motion to approve the December financial administrators report. Holly Westby seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Financial Secretary's Report:

- i. Amanda Absent. Financial report is included in council packet.

2. CABINET REPORTS:

- a. **Education:**
 - i. Sandy mentioned that SS is on hold for right now as they are in need of more volunteers. A letter is on the church website as well as in the E&W newsletter. They are hoping to start up again in February some time. They will work with Krin to evaluate the Christian Ed job description in the interim in order to get that ready for posting in the spring or early summer.
 - b. **Evangelism:**
 - i. Holly had nothing new to report.
 - c. **Finance:**
 - i. Amy had nothing new to report.
 - d. **Personnel**
 - i. Krin mentioned that they do need to post for the Sunday School Christian Ed position, but they first need to figure out what the position should all entail. As of right now SS in on hold because of lack of volunteers.
 - e. **C of C Grounds:**
 - i. Trent absent. No report.
 - f. **C of C Building:**
 - i. Keith absent. No report.
 - g. **Stone Church:**
 - i. After the windstorm at the cemetery, there was some cleanup to do. Wayne said that on a past Sunday he went out with his grandkids and took care of the cleanup.
 - h. **Stewardship & Missions:**
 - i. Heather absent. No report.
 - i. **Worship & Music:**
 - i. Kathy had nothing to report.
 - j. **Youth & Family:**
 - i. Jess wanted to mention that the ELCA youth gathering is on hold as there are only 2 kids signed up at this time.
 - k. **W/ELCA:**
 - i. Rae and Elsie's report is below.
 - 1. Final W/ELCA Report 2021
 - a. The women of W/ELCA held two meetings in the month of December. The first being December 3 during which moneys were allocated to various charities and organizations. The second was Wednesday, December 15 for installation of a new slate of officers for 2022. Rae Evenson and Elsie Olson will jointly assume the position of co-presidents.
 - b. The fall supper yielded \$6,732.00 and the craft sale earned \$764.50. Allocations this year amounted to \$8,500.00 and, in addition, W/ELCA funded the purchase of a washer and dryer for Pastor Jeff's apartment.
- Respectfully submitted,
Elsie Olson and Rae Evenson
- 3. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. Transition Team:
 - i. At last month's meeting Pastor Jeff mentioned that he would like to start creating a transition team as soon as possible. He would like the first meeting to be in February. The transition team requires that 2 of the 6 members be council members. Krin Abraham and Sandy Erickson both volunteered to be on the team. The transition team will work with Pastor Forbes on updating our ministry site profile and also attending our fact-finding Heritage meetings with the congregation members to gather information about the past, present and future of Cross of Christ. There will be a minimum of two heritage meetings. Members of this team are also able to be part of the call committee if they so choose, but it is not mandatory. If any council members have recommendations for congregation members that they think would be a good fit for the transition team, please reach out to

them or let Pastor Jeff know to reach out to them. We would like to have a mix of demographics so we can have a good mix of perspectives.

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Annual Meeting

- i. Patrick will not be able to attend the annual meeting this Sunday. Are we able to move the meeting to the following weekend, January 30th. The annual meeting must take place in January, so moving it back a week is OK and still fits into our guidelines. The council would need to vote on moving the meeting. They will still meet this Saturday for a run through.
- ii. *Wayne Olson made a motion to push back the annual meeting one week to January 30, 2022. Sandy Erickson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*
- iii. Pastor Jeff Forbes will let Amanda know that we are moving the meeting to the 30th so she can post on FB and in E&W.

b. Bremer Bank Closing

- i. Bremer bank will be closing the doors on April 15th. We will not have a bank in town to drop cash deposits at after that date. The council will need to figure out what to do about where we want to bank, and if we want to switch institutions. As of right now, a new bank isn't slated to come back into town. For depositing checks, we will receive a scanner to deposit them electronically. Bremer is trying to work out a way to do a town pick up for cash, but nothing has been decided yet. This will have to be added as a continuing discussion for the council moving forward.

c. Security System:

- i. Wayne talked to Paul Skifton today. He found out that the security system is ours to keep, even if we cancel our subscription. The chime still works even though the rest of the system seems to not be working. Paul is supposed to be coming tomorrow to look at it. Amanda knows he is supposed to be coming so will be looking out for him. We will hopefully find out more after he comes to look at it.

5. **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

a. Contribution Envelopes:

- i. Krin is waiting on the proofs for the new envelopes. They will not be personalized or dated so they won't expire each year and we don't end up ordering envelopes that people never pick up and end up in the trash. In the interim, Pr. Jeff encouraged people to use their old envelopes and to just cross the date out and write in a new one. This will reduce costs as well as keep many of them out of the trash.

b. Yearly giving statements:

- i. These will be sealed and set in the back of the narthex starting January 23rd for two weeks. The ones that aren't picked up will be mailed out.

c. Blood Drive

- i. Amy brought up the fact that the blood drive was in the fellowship hall this week and they didn't have plastic or any type of covering down on the carpet for potential blood spills. We really should have something down so it can be cleaned up easily. The next date is Tuesday, March 22nd. Eileen will look into this. Maybe the location could be changed to a place with hard floors that can be cleaned easier than carpet.

6. **Upcoming Events:**

- a. January 26 and February 2 and 9 Prayer group
- b. January 23, 30 and February 13 Worship Service; February 6 Holy Communion
- c. January 19, 26, February 2 and 9 Confirmation and Club 56
- d. January 20, 27, February 2 and 9 Pastor visits Heritage Court
- e. January 22 Sunday School Planning Meeting, Annual Meeting Zoom practice
- f. January 25 Zoom Preparedness meeting
- g. January 28 W/ELCA Meeting
- h. January 30 Annual Meeting immediately following church
- i. February 8 Executive Council meeting
- j. February 13 Cemetery Board meeting
- k. February 13 4-H

- l.** February 14 and 15 Do Days
- m.** February 15 Church council

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Markegard, Secretary

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