

# Cross of Christ Church Council

February 21, 2023 @ 6 p.m.

## Minutes of Meeting

**Mission Statement:** “As a fellowship of believers, it is our mission to joyfully proclaim the gospel of Christ in the 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	Cabinets	P	A	Cabinets	P	A
Larry Jerviss (President)	x		Pastor Dana Jackson	x		Amy Kulas (Finance)	x		Ron Evenson (Personnel)	x	
Sandy Erickson (Vice President)	x					Jessica Brand (Youth & Family)	x		Kathy Olson (Worship & Music)	x	
Patti Runningen (Secretary)	x					Keith Herek (C of C Building)		x	Diane Larson (Education)	x	
Patrick Forsyth (Fin Admin)		x				Wayne Runningen (Stone Church Bldg)	x		Heather Chapel (Stewardship)		x
Karen Christensen (Financial Sec)						Rich Botcher (C of C Grounds)	x		Rae Evenson/Elsie Olson (W/ELCA)	x	
						Mike Berg (Evangelism)	x		Youth Rep Caitlin Brand		x

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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 -This is your church and I walk with you.
3. Review of the Agenda-

### 4. Reports:

#### a. Pastor's Report

#### Thank you

Thank you for welcoming me to Cross of Christ. I am excited to walk this journey of faith with you.

#### Confirmation Class

Confirmation Students will be helping to lead worship on Ash Wednesday and during Holden Evening Prayer.  
Lenten Worship will be at 6:30 p.m.

#### Sunday Worship

During Sunday morning worship our Confirmation Students will be helping. I have asked them to sign up for the following:

Cross Bearer (1 person)

Acolytes (2 people)

Reader for Prayers of Intercession (Club 56 can also help with reading prayers)

Usher (1 person to assist the adult usher).

Passing of the offering plate.

### **Lenten Worship**

Our Confirmation Students will be leading our Ash Wednesday and Holden Evening Prayer Services.

### **My tentative schedule to be in Houston the following:**

Monday 9:30 a.m.-3:00p.m.

Tuesday 1:00 p.m.-7:00p.m.

Wednesday 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Thursday 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

My day off will be Fridays unless there is another event taking place.

You can reach me by email at [pastordanacofc@gmail.com](mailto:pastordanacofc@gmail.com) or by text or phone by calling me at 651-380-4492.

b. President's Report

Installation Sunday will be held on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. 150 people were in attendance at church on Sunday, February 19, and the service was great!

c. Secretary's Report

Council meeting minutes from December 20, 2022- Jessica Brand made a motion to approve the secretary's report for December 20, 2022, and Mike Berg seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Financial Administrator's Report-attach email

## **5. Cabinet Reports**

a. Education

b. Evangelism

c. Finance

We had a deficit of (\$811) in January vs a budgeted deficit of (\$3,245). Giving came in lower than budget, but lower expenses more than offset this.

d. Personnel

e. CofC Grounds

f. CofC Building-absent

g. Stone Church/Cemetery Board

h. Stewardship & Mission-absent

i. Worship & Music

j. Youth & Family

k. W/ELCA

- l. This has been a very busy month for our WELCA Group. Quilting (Do Days) were held on February 13 & 14 with potluck lunch both days. 24 quilts were completed. Thanks to all who donated fabric and other supplies. A special thanks goes to Twyla Thorson, Sharon Knudsen, and Sherry Jergenson for the many extra hours of preparation they do at home to get ready for do days. We held our annual Valentine's Brunch again this year after missing the last two years due COVID. We were served a delicious meal by the men of our church. For our program Denise Rostad presented her mother's book Squirrel Is Alive which describes Mary's involvement in WW II in Belgium and subsequent marriage to Allen Rostad and their move to Houston. Nine-year-old Taya Evenson entertained us with several vocal selections. A pleasant day for everyone in attendance. Looking ahead: World Day of Prayer will be held at 1:30 on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Bethany Evangelical Free Church. All are welcome!  
Elsie Olson and Rae Evenson, Co-Presidents.

6. Old Business:

7. New Business:

- a. Numbering Entrance Doors-Pastor Dana brought mentioned numbering of Entrance Doors- good idea in case of emergency. Wayne would like to have the emergency person go to the carport for pick-up. Others mentioned various areas would be available, depending on location of emergency at church. We are going to start locking the Church during work hours M-F and only front door will be open.
- b. Pew Attendance Pads-Pastor Dana suggested trying pew pads and see how they work. Based on the outcome, we will decide if this is something we will do at the church.
- c. Communion every Sunday-Pastor Dana asked if in the future the Council would consider doing Communion every week? In a month, we can discuss again. Jessica Brand suggested each council member serving Communion to get things rolling. Kathy Olson will contact Karen regarding Council members covering on a Sunday.
- d. Lent Services-Online. Looking into having Lent Services. Jessica Brand volunteered to do this service, and we can also look at others to help.
- e. Purchase Lapel Mic-Will order a new lapel mic for Pastor Dana.
- f. Resolved that of the total annual compensation paid to Pastor Dana Jackson, \$42,000 is hereby designated as housing allowance. Resolved that if Pastor Dana is an employee of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church of Houston, MN, the above amount of designated housing allowance shall apply to all future years until modified. A motion to approve annual compensation was given by Amy Kulas and seconded by Ron Evenson.
- g. Canceling of Ash Wednesday-This will be canceled due to weather and not rescheduled. Church office will be closed. A motion was given by Rae Evenson to cancel Ash Wednesday service due to weather, and seconded by Kathy Olson. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Bam- "Bike across Minnesota". Ron discussed considering having a Breakfast for 300 people, with the use of the Church kitchen for those participating in BAM. It was also suggested to partner with the Chamber for help. Fest grounds would be where they will camp and the school would be used as back up. We could serve the breakfast at the park or the church. A motion to approve using kitchen tentatively for BAM was given by Kathy Olson, and seconded by Sandy Erickson. Motion carried unanimously.

- i. Chamber Membership-Church will get a membership to the Chamber. A motion to approve getting Chamber Membership was given by Sandy Erickson, and seconded by Jessica Brand. Motion carried unanimously

## 8. Open Discussion

- a. Training Session for ushers. Looking into doing a training session for ushers. More to come.
- b. Pastor Dana will reach out to the congregation in regards to services that confirmation students can help with. Possibly incorporate parent/child.
- c. Thank you to Ron and Larry for helping with miscellaneous maintenance at the church.

## 9. Calendar –Up Coming events.....

- February 22 Ash Wednesday Worship Service 6:30 p.m.
- March 1 Lent Service at 6:30 p.m.
- March 4 Owl-Face Pancake breakfast at Cross of Christ
- March 5 Thrivent Representative after the church service
- March 6 Ruth Circle at Cross of Christ
- March 8 Lent Service at 6:30 p.m.
- March 12 4-H at 12:30 p.m.
- March 15 Lent Service at 6:30 p.m.
- March 20-21 Quilting Do Days
- March 22 Lent Service at 6:30 p.m.
- March 26 After-Prom Spaghetti Dinner 11:30-1:00 in Fellowship Hall
- March 29 Lent Service at 6:30 p.m.
- April 6 Maundy Thursday Service with First Communion at 6:30 p.m.
- April 7 Good Friday
- April 9 Easter Sunday
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Benediction President: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit order our days and our deeds in his peace. Amen

Meeting adjourned: 7:18 p.m.

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

