

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2024

Called to order by Su Erickson at 10:30am

Su appointed Magan Ratafsky to take minutes in the absence of Secretary Jo-Ann Wordell.

In attendance: Carol Moonan Pastor Jeff Gallen, Magan Ratafsky, Su Erickson, Judy Turpen, Kathy Williams, Gene Myers, and Judy Turnen.

- Absent: John Brown, Randy Heibel, and Jo-Ann Wordell
- Vacant position: Youth

Opening Prayer by Pastor Jeff.

Approval of Minutes from April 21, 2024: No corrections upon review. Motion to approve by Judy Turpen. Seconded by Carol. Minutes approved.

Review of April Financial Reports

- Summer contributions are expected to be down given members of the congregation departing for the summer months.
- Thank you to Keith, Janell, and Darrel for completing the 2023 financial audit.
- The option for Fry's match giving needs to be highlighted amongst the congregation via the newsletter. How-to guide is posted to the ELCA website.
- Motion to accept the 2023 financial audit by Carol. Seconded by Kathy. The audit report will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting.

Unfinished Business

- Johnson Control updates have been completed; major enhancement of having remote access to the facilities.
 - Concerns around the 'test' alarm not working; Jim Erickson is following up.
 - Note the old key card will also still work for access to the buildings.
- Transition update: Pastor Gustafson is coming in June to conduct an in-person training for the group. Transition group will provide additional updates post-training.

New Business

- Equipment donation:
 - There was a generous donation of a piano, which brought up concerns and clarifications needed around equipment needs for the church.
 - Council had further conversation around unused equipment in the church and next steps for donated equipment.
 - Council determined (1) purchase a cover for the new donation piano in Bldg. A; (2) sell the electric piano in Bldg B; (3) sell the upright piano in Bldg A and Bldg B classrooms; (4)

all remaining pianos should be tuned regularly (1-2x/year). Funds earned from sale will be used towards future music performance support.

- Summer meeting schedule:
 - June 16- confirmed
 - July- no meeting
 - August 25- tentative
 - September- tentative

Council Reports

- Facilities (Randy)
 - Contacted the City of Goodyear on the permit status- no updates
 - Three-door refrigerator in the kitchen is being repaired on Tuesday
 - Building A refrigerator is not cooling; needs to be defrosted. Maintenance will be scheduled.
- Evangelism (Judy Turnen)
 - Updated church brochures are completed- thank you to Carrol, Su, Jim, and Judy for helping put these together.
- Worship (Carol)
 - Working on a resource list for ushers to use to make connections for those looking to volunteer and/or donate
 - Greeting and usher duties will be combined moving forward to making staffing easier
 - Pastor needs disposable communion cups for his home visits and work outside of the church; Pastor will ensure proper storing to avoid spoilage.
- Stewardship (Judy Turpen)
 - Recently found a video around financial contributions that Judy will be reviewing; report out to follow post viewing.
- Outreach (Su)
 - Continuing to handout 70-75 boxes per week through Outreach
 - Summer assistance will be needed for processing donations on Tuesday mornings.
- Health (Kathy)
 - Grant has been submitted and is pending review
 - Continuing to review toiletry pricing; good options are available via McKesson, Amazon and Costco.
- Education (Magan)
 - Manna bags were a big success with the kids; picture and details of the event were sent via the weekly announcements.
 - Mother's day gifts were a big success!
 - No disruption in services for the summer with the assistance of Jennifer Cole pending children attendance.
 - (3) students will be confirmed in October prior to Pastor departure.
 - Pastor to follow up with Jonathan on Vacation Bible School options.
- Fellowship (Gene)
 - No report out
- Youth (Vacant)

- No report out.

Announcements:

- Next council meeting is scheduled for June 16th
- Synod Assembly is June 13-15; attendance will be by Ann Bruce, Sharoll Blodgett, and Pastor Jeff.

Council meeting adjourned at 11:44 by Magan. Seconded by Kathy.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Jeff

Respectfully submitted, Magan Ratafsky.

Approved as corrected 6/15/2024.