



Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2023

Attendees: Sam Carter, Joe Baggett, Cheryl Smith, Vivian Jefferson, Karen Faulkner, Anne Geiger, Gene Bain, Chip Edwards, Carol Shaffer, Jeremy Shoop, Pastor Martin Eldred

Excused: Chis Nelson, Gary Wolfe

I. Call to Order

Sam Carter called the Zoom meeting of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church (HCLC) Council to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Devotions

Cheryl Smith led devotions for Gary Wolfe and Pastor Martin led us in the opening prayer.

III. Draft Agenda

- Call to Order
- Devotions – Cheryl Smith
- Approval of the Minutes
- Treasurer’s Report and Approval
- Director of Music and Liturgy Report
- Pastor’s Report
- Reading of correspondence
- Reports of ministry teams
- VP/Finance Committee Report
- Unfinished Business
 1. Candidates for VP
 2. Reminder to be thinking about nominations for your replacements
- New Business
 1. Audit Report and New team Member to Replace Diana Virgo
 2. July Council Meeting – Offsite spouse event?
 3. Other Items

Closing Prayer

Adjournment

IV. Approval of Minutes

Joe Baggett made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2023 meeting. Anne Geiger seconded and all voted in favor of approval.

V. Treasurer's Report

Joe Baggett submitted his report prior to the meeting. We stabilized for the month of May...down about \$273 for the month, \$11K for the year. We got a hit this month for fire extinguishers and have gotten hit by a few things this month. Gene Bain made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Karen Faulkner seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approval.

VI. Director of Music and Liturgy Report

Jeremy Shoop submitted a written report. He said to be on the lookout for July 4th updates. He will be attending continuing ed. on July 5th.

VII. Pastor's Report

Pastor Martin submitted a written report. While he is on medical leave, the Synod has covered all but one Sunday. Pastor is very touched by that and hopes that council shares that within the congregation as it may help when it comes to financial donations.

VIII. President's Report

Sam Carter submitted a written report. He added that Shelly Eldred has agreed to be our new web manager. Sam has repositioned one of the cameras after the latest flag incident.

Sam sent out the audit report to everyone. The team did a very nice job and Sam didn't see any red flags. Regarding employee benefits, Sam said they have read only access which will need to be discussed. Gene Bain said that only the employee can change their benefits. Joe said that he concurred with the integrity of the report but feels the audit team needs to have a face-to-face with Joe and Gene. The report didn't give any details. Joe said there is a minor listing of complaints and things could have been better clarified. There should have been a correction on some of the comments that are incomplete. It's complex and Joe will provide a response to the incomplete statements. An addendum will go up with the report.

IX. Correspondence

No report.

X. Reports of Ministry Teams

Education – Chip Edwards submitted a written report. He added that he would like some additional support from the admins on some of the steps with the child protection policy process. He'd like a meeting or phone call with the admin staff to go through the list of steps to collect the forms. The educational chair is responsible for background checks. Sam that it is appropriate and Joe agreed that the admins should be able to help manage the forms. Chip said that he will set up a call with the admin staff.

Evangelism - Karen Faulkner provided a written report. She will work with Jeremy and Anne to finalize July 4th arrangements. Fall events are coming up.

Fellowship – Anne Geiger submitted a written report.

Outreach – Vivian Jefferson submitted a written report. She added that the Outreach team is such a part of our identity process here at Holy Cross.

Personnel – Gene Bain submitted a written report. We are short on nursery attendants and have made no progress.

Property – Gary Wolfe submitted a written report. Sam Carter said that they’ve been very busy and are thrilled at the contributions so many people have made this year. It has saved the church tens of thousands of dollars. Please keep Gary’s son in your prayers.

Stewardship – Chris was not in attendance. Pastor Martin asked if Chris would be more comfortable to move over to Youth Ministry. Sam and Pastor could run Stewardship and if anyone else who like to participate, please let them know.

Worship – Carol Shaffer submitted a written report.

XI. Vice President/Finance Committee Report

No Vice President report.

Unfinished Business

We need to look for a candidate for the Vice President position. Think about your council replacements.

New Business

Should we hold an off-site council meeting in July to include spouses. After a short discussion, it was decided that holding a Zoom meeting next month works best for everyone.

Adjourn

The meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer. Anne Geiger made the motion to adjourn at 7:33 p.m., seconded by Karen Faulkner. All were in favor.

REMINDERS:

Devotions

July - Karen Faulkner

August – Gene Bain

Meetings

July 17 – 7 p.m. (via Zoom)

August 16 – 7 p.m. (via Zoom)