



Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2022

Attendees: Pastor Martin Eldred, Sam Carter, Cheryl Smith, Joe Baggett, Stanley Medikonda, Deb Reilly, Eugene Bain, Chip Edwards, Karen Faulkner Anne Geiger, Chris Nelson, Carol Shaffer, Gary Wolfe, Jeremy Shoop

I. Call to Order

President Sam Carter called to order the Zoom meeting of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church (HCLC) Council at 7:05 p.m.

II. Devotions

Anne Geiger led devotions and prayer.

III. Draft Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Devotions
3. Approval of the minutes
4. Treasurer's Report and Approval
5. Director of Music & Liturgy Report
6. Pastor's Report
7. Reading of correspondence
8. VP/Finance Committee Report
9. Reports of ministry teams
 - a. Community Outreach – Deb Reilly
 - b. Christian Education – Chip Edwards
 - c. Stewardship – Chris Nelson
 - d. Worship & Music – Carol Shaffer
 - e. Property – Gary Wolfe
 - f. Personnel – Gene Bain
 - g. Fellowship – Anne Geiger
 - h. Youth – Vacant
 - i. Evangelism – Karen Faulkner
10. Unfinished business
 - a. Google Office is sending emails to Archive
 - b. Synod Assembly Attendees – Pastor and Deb
 - c. Personnel Budget cost overrun- working on resolution

11. New business
 - a. Dominion Power Proposal
 - b. Research Accessibility grant possibilities
12. Closing prayer
13. Adjournment

IV. Approval of Minutes

Deb Reilly made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2022 meeting. The minutes were approved. Joe Baggett seconded approval. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Treasurer's Report

Joe Baggett submitted his report prior to the meeting. No one had any questions regarding the report. Deb Reilly made the motion to approve the report and seconded by Stanley Medikonda. All voted in favor of approval.

VI. Director of Music and Liturgy Report

Jeremy Shoop said he has nothing new to add to his written report, Sam Carter commended Jeremy on a job well done on selling the piano.

VII. Pastor's Report

Pastor Martin did not submit a written report. He said that Shelly retires next week. Pastor Martin will go up after the Synod Assembly meeting. He will fly up on the 14th, but is not sure when they'll head back. His goal is to be back by the 4th of July. He had a small part in the funeral service for Geri Opsahl. He sang a few verses from On Eagles Wings and was blessed to be asked. Pastor is looking forward to attend his first Synod Assembly. A lunch will be held after the 11 a.m. service to welcome the new members into the congregation. A baptism is scheduled for someone in their mid-20s who may join separately

VIII. Reading of Correspondence

No correspondence to share.

IX. Vice President/Finance Committee Report

Stanley Medikonda did not have a written report. He will talk about the website. He met with a friend on how to move forward. He is looking into Vanco's existing app. It is an easy framework. Over the next few weeks, he will come up with an analysis. We will use the same URL but it will point to a new website. He'll meet with several individuals to review and then further discussion will ensue. Sam Carter suggested changing the URL address to HCLC.com.

X. Reports of Ministry Teams

Outreach – Deb Reilly sent out her report. The Lenten Appeal went well and \$2,000 was raised for Ukraine. Thank you to Suzanne Flegal for leading Child Prevention month and the noisy offering. Deb said that she wants to talk an idea around using Outreach for broader mission work. On September 11, could we help members of our congregation who are aging in place by doing small projects around their house?

Education – Chip Edwards thanked everyone for their kindness during his and his mother’s overlapping health issues. He has nothing to add to his report. There is a Ukrainian student in class. They are taking a break from classes and will start up in the summer.

Stewardship – Anne Geiger had a question regarding Temple Talks over the summer. She thinks it might be better to do later. Deb Reilly said they could be recorded and available on our website. If we do summer and fall, we get a jumpstart on our commitments.

Worship – Carol Shaffer submitted a written report. She extends a thank you to Anne Geiger for helping with the wedding. She is thankful to people who are willing to shuffle around and help out. A decision needs to be made on the Sanctuary lamp on what we want to do. Pastor Martin and Jeremy will have the final decision on that. We will be running out of money for flowers and a decision will need to be made on that.

Property – Gary Wolfe reported that the cleanup in April went great. He thanked Anne Geiger for helping to paint the copy room. He is working on the signage and is getting different colors. Gary said the sign is in really bad shape. Dominion Power has a lighting program where they come in and do the whole lighting switchover. It will involve the steeple, parking lot and outside education wing. The altar guild and choir rooms will be changed to LED. The net cost to us is \$9715.73 and the annual savings will be \$4,867.14 so basically we will break even in two years. Joe Baggett asked if it is a one-time payment or installments. Gary said he will follow up to get that answer, Joe said that we have enough money in I&D for the project. Joe also said that we could take the money from the stock account. It’s up to \$6500 cash. We pay a management fee of \$150 once a year in April. He said that if Dominion spreads it out with no interest charges, we could do that or maybe they could give us a discount if we pay upfront. He will need the name and address for tax exemption. Gary will send out the proposal. Joe said that he assumes there will be a contract. The terms and conditions need to be finalized.

Personnel – Gene Bain said that staff has been paid and things seem to be in good shape.

Fellowship – Anne Geiger submitted a written report. Jeremy acquired a feed truck for the 4th of July event. The details will be worked out offline. A question about keeping the coffee urns came up and the discussion will be taken offline.

Evangelism – Karen said she is looking forward to the new member lunch and will work with Pastor to see how much food we will need. She will ask Teresa to make name tags. A new tent was ordered.

Unfinished Business

Google is sending emails to archive so please check the archive box.

Pastor Martin and Deb Reilly will be attending Synod Assembly. Thank you, Deb, for volunteering. A motion was made by Anne Geiger to have Deb Reilly attend the Synod Assembly. It was seconded by Karen Faulkner and approved unanimously.

New Business

Deb Reilly made a motion to approve the budget and to authorize Gary and Joe to move forward with the lighting project. Gene Bain seconded. All approved unanimously.

Sam Carter said that we need someone to do research for handicap accessibility. It was mentioned that the coffee urns are worth \$175 and it will be dealt with later.

Deb Reilly said that they have received one estimate from a contractor for the restrooms. The estimate is \$167,000 vs. a budget of \$80,000. Other options were discussed. Deb will go back and review.

Adjourn

Pastor Martin ended the meeting with a closing prayer. Deb Reilly moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Gary Wolfe seconded.

REMINDERS:

Devotions

June – Karen Faulkner

July - Open

Meetings

June 13 – ExComm (4:00 p.m.)

June 20 – Council Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

July 11 – ExComm (4:00 p.m.)

July 18 – Council Meeting (7:00 p.m.)