

COSLC Council Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2023

Call to Order:

President Jessica called the meeting to order at 11:30am

Roll Call:

Terrie Brown - present
Amy Hellmich - present
Ky Holland – present
Gary Matthews – absent (out of town)
Jessica Morrison - present
Carol Roadifer - present
James Spillane – absent
Pastor Anna Silco - present

Five of seven voting members were in attendance establishing a quorum.

Devotional: Pastor Anna opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Motion – Carol **moved** and Amy **seconded** – “to approve the minutes of the July Council meeting as presented” - motion **approved** unanimously.

Review of Proposed Agenda:

Carol **moved** to let Fred speak before the rest of the meeting commences. Jessica **seconded**- motion **approved**

Fred Risch asked the church council for the use fellowship hall and Sanctuary for Joanies Memorial Service. 2-3pm Saturday 14th of October. 150 people. Catered. Music by Jamie.

*Need Bulletin printed.

*Ask Todd to do cleaning earlier that morning on Saturday that day.

Carol **moved** and Ky **seconded**- “to approve Fred’s request of the church for Joanie’s memorial service” -motion **approved**

Carol suggested to reach out to remade for parking collaboration.

Reports:

Pastor

- Gathered with other synod pastors to plan for confirmation this upcoming year. (Confirmation is now in 6 week sessions, fall, winter, and spring each session done at different church. Sundays 4:30-6pm.)
- Visited Joanie and Fred in the hospital multiple times
- Visited Inga and Barb
- Planned and led outdoor garden worship
- Researched how admin position would change portico/benefits with synod salary worksheet
- Met with Jessica to talk about admin position
- Worked with Dan G. to consult and set up portable speaker system
- Worked on Building Use Agreement
- Researched Church Cell Phone Possibilities (see below)
- Had a game night, 9 people there (3 my own family)
- Planned and led a church hike, 6 people there (3 my own family)
- Newsletters, bulletin, and weekly worship

Future ideas:

- Idea of reusable bulletin (reusable for a month or so?) with insert having hymn numbers, prayer of the day, and readings/announcements. Saves time and resources. Similar to what we have now, just putting hymn numbers and prayer of the day in insert
 - Curious of how expensive our copier is that we are leasing. Perhaps not utilizing its full capacity and may not need something that fancy?
 - Brainstormed ideas for Sunday School (possibly 2nd and 4th Sunday for 30 minutes during fellowship hour (11:15-11:45pm)?) (1st Sunday is potluck and 3rd Sunday could be for council?)
 - Gather Bible study on Thursday morning once a month, 10:30-12pm (was thinking of doing twice a month but with collegium and first call coming up in October and November, my 3rd Thursdays were busy) Could change to 1st and 3rd beginning in the new year.
 - Any interest in a book group?
 - Collegium (Pastors in the synod getting together for continuing education and fellowship) will be held at COSLC October 17-19
 - First Call Theological Education is in Coeur d'Alene, ID at Camp Lutherhaven November 13-16th
 - I'll be on vacation Friday November 17th- Monday 27th (5 vacation days, 2 Sundays)
- (Since I've begun- 1 week in April off as a reset for overworking Holy Week and Lent, 1 week in June off for vacation and 1 week in June for continuing education, will take 1 week vacation in November, (1 extra Sunday off as reset for upcoming

advent and I would like to work every Sunday through the rest of the year for more continuity) total: 2 weeks vacation, 1 week continuing ed (1 week left for continuing ed, as bishop says first call doesn't count towards this- not sure if I will take it this year).

-Church Cell Phone- to keep 907 as area code, have to go through AT&T (\$25), GCI (\$20), or ACS (\$25). All these plans are paid per month for basic minutes/text, would need to buy a cheap cell phone or see if anyone has an old cell phone to use. Could get google voice for free which has voicemail forwarding to email, an app so anyone with a smart phone can be "handed off" the phone with the login. (Decided to table the church cell phone idea until admin position is decided, but some momentum in keeping 907 number for less confusion)

President - Jessica had no report

Treasurer – No report this month.

Facility – No report.

Old Business:

Alaska Synod Assembly- gather a group together for values discernment, use MSP as resource. Will plan to meet in October

Selecting and Purchasing an AED – Pastor Anna found that Gloria Dei had information with AED grants. She will send that information to Carol Roadifer

Portico – Portico cannot do autopay well. Plan is to have Amy have the info to login and pay the bill each month online.

Internet- Ky will get church credit card to have church do monthly pay for internet

New Business:

Cleaning out the Radio Room-

Preschool has asked to clean out the room of radio things, we will do so and move them to another room in the church with volunteers on Sunday.

Admin. Position

Proposed to have mutual ministry meeting to gather and talk about what Pastor's role is as a part time Pastor. Committee and pastor will write up together: what pastor is doing, what volunteers are doing, and what's not getting done. This assessment, along with feedback from the wider

congregation will help in make decision with council on admin position next council meeting.

-Announcement will be made at church, insert into bulletin for congregational review for a few weeks, and mutual ministry committee meeting will meet before next council meeting.

Mercy the Pig - Mercy the Pig distribution will go back to family in need heifer project raising money for animals. Terry will follow up with this with ideas. Next Sunday children's sermon will focus on this.

Beer and Hymns- Terry made a **motion** and Amy **seconded** "Adding Christ Our Savior back as sponsoring Beer and Hymns and information on how much money has been raised." motion **approved**

Action Items prior to Next Meeting:

- Mercy the pig follow up- Terry
- Close Women and Youth accounts – Jessica
- Coordinate and ask Todd to clean- Jessica
- Portico log-in and billing – Jessica and Amy
- Installing TV in fellowship Hall- Amy
- Announcement will be made at church regarding admin- Ky and Amy
- Insert into bulletin about admin for congregational review-Ky and Amy
- Move Borealis internet on church account-Ky
- AED follow up– Carol
- Follow up on brainstorm list of Pastor expectations- Carol and Amy
- Meal train for Fred- Carol
- Reach out to Re-made for parking collaboration for funeral- Carol
- Develop an updated printed church directory – Pastor Anna and Carol
- Discuss admin. with mutual ministry committee– Pastor Anna
- Radio Room announcement- Pastor Anna

Future Business:

- Plan for annual review of 2023 church finances – Amy
- Constitution
- Memorial Plots

Next Council Meeting:

It was decided to hold the next Council meeting on Sunday, October 15th following Fellowship.

Closing Prayer:

Pastor Anna closed the meeting with prayer.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52pm

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Anna
Fill- In Secretary