

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2021

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm. Dan Way, Stephanie Smith, Robin Ruosch, Michael Dowden, Beth Frederick, Kelly Alicea, Collin Frederick, Mary DeYoung (via Zoom), and Pastor Kalen were in attendance.

Congregational Mission: *On our way rejoicing, proclaiming, teaching, and sharing God's love.*

Dwelling in the Word: Pastor Kalen read Corinthians 4:5-16. Discussion followed. Pastor led prayer.

Minutes from last meeting: A Robin Ruosch/Mike Dowden motion/second to approve was made. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes from special meeting: A Beth Frederick/Dan Way motion/second to approve was made. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Secretary's Report: A Stephanie Smith/Robin Ruosch motion/second to approve was made. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The General Fund balance is \$10938.21. A Collin Frederick/Robin Ruosch motion/second to approve was made. Motion carried unanimously. Town Bank Sharon branch is closing. Mary has the contents of the safety deposit box. She will deposit them in a Safety Deposit box at Town Bank in Walworth until a safe is purchased or other decision is made.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education:

Evangelism:

Property: Talked with a contractor about tuck pointing brick and is waiting for a quote.

Stewardship:

Worship & Music:

Youth:

WELCA:

Parsonage:

Technology:

Renewal:

Council President's Report: No report

Pastor's Report: Prayer and Devotional Time • I'm praying for the world, our congregation's health and mission, giving thanks for our previous and new council, for the Holy Spirit's guidance as the pandemic continues and changes, looking forward to Lent, and those on the prayer list.

Worship • Worship has resumed in person. We are having about 10 in attendance. We continue to livestream on Facebook and provide a link of the recorded worship via email.

- Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17th. We will livestream only. Parishioners will be receiving Lent booklets for all ages and ashes to apply at home.

- Holy Week plans proposed by the worship committee: — Maundy Thursday in-person — Good Friday in parking lot — Easter services dependent on needs of the congregation. The proposal of the worship committee is to take a survey to find out if people are planning on coming, and what time they would attend. We may offer a 1-3 worship times and ask people to reserve. — The Worship Committee proposes not doing Easter balloons in the usual way, but to incorporate them by tying some balloon bouquets in the front where they can be seen by viewers of the online service.

Christian Education • Confirmation continues via ZOOM. • I am planning a weekly kids' Lent time on ZOOM.

Youth Ministry • The four youths attending the mission trip in July met in January to talk about the trip and fundraising that will be taking place in the next months.

Thoughts About the Coming Year • The pandemic is not over, and we will need to continue conversations about health and working to reach out to people. As we begin to return to normal, hopefully soon, we have a chance to reevaluate how we do things, and will have an exciting open window to try new things and let old things go.

Old Business: The new water softener has been installed by Addie Water Systems, Janesville. Bay Lock has re keyed the exterior doors. A vacuum has not been purchased yet.

New Business: Council approves the Holy Week plan presented by the worship committee (listed in Pastor's Report).

A Stephanie Smith/Mike Dowden motion to remove Beth Frederick and add Dan Way as a signer at the bank carried.

Pastor Kalen mentioned adding a Renewal committee to our existing council committees. Council agreed to add this.

Committee chairpersons were determined.

A Mike Dowden/Robin Ruosch motion to change our website host spending up to \$200.00 per year was made. Motion carried unanimously.

A Beth Frederick/Collin Frederick motion and second to allow building use by civic organizations for up to 20 persons adhering the following requirements – Masks required, no kitchen use – eating, social distancing should be maintained. These requirements should be announced at the beginning of each meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Second Sunday recipients were approved as March – Students for Good Choices, April – Lutherdale, May – Sharon Lions Club, June – VBS, July – Sharon Library, August – Backpacks for Children, September – Sharon American Legion, October – Sharon Food Pantry, November – Community Fund, December – Christmas Gifts for Children, January – Sharon Fire and Rescue, February – Agape House.

Bills: Bills presented total \$10547.19. A Collin Frederick/Robin Ruosch motion/second to approve the bill list was made. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Month:

Meeting Date: March 11, 2021 at 6pm.

February Counters: Beth Frederick and Dan Way

March Counters: Dan Way and Kelly Alicia

Prayer Concerns:

Motion to Adjourn: A Stephanie Smith/Robin Ruosch motion/second to adjourn at 7:47pm was made. Motion carried Unanimously.

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Frederick
Council Secretary