

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2020**

Present: Pastor Erika, Michelle Spiegel-Freeman, Carol Bras, Linda Matthews, Gary Matthews, Teri Brown, John Morrison, Jessica Morrison

Absent: None

Devotions: Pastor Erika opened the meeting with a prayer.

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by President, Michelle Spiegel-Freeman at 11:30 a.m.

New Business: We listened to a presentation by Nick Riordan from Yarducopia, Alaska Community Action On Toxins. Yarducopia is very interested in partnering with COSCL to develop a community garden free of toxic substances. Yarducopia would be willing to help us design and construct a garden as well as pairing us up with neighborhood entities. He suggested visiting other neighborhood gardens for ideas. Gary offered to meet Nick at the COSLC site to help familiarize Nick with the area available.

John Morrison reported that he checked with the Muni and that there would be no problem with zoning and Pastor Erika reported that High Point Construction is willing to help us as a trade off for using our parking lot. A steering committee consisting of Dan, Jo, Annette & Phil was suggested. Pastor Erika will contact them about their interest in serving and have a meeting after church on October 11th.

Approval of Minutes:

- Carol made and Teri seconded a motion to approve the 8/22/2020 minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

- Working on plans for baby time, gathering safely, and leader sign-up for church services.
- Pastor Erika is working on a children's ministry for all age groups. More to come...
- We have been approached by two different entities (AK Learning Center and a group of families from the hillside) concerning renting the fellowship hall during the week for children's programs. Pastor met with Debbie to see if there would be a conflict with the Pre School. Debbie did not see a problem. We haven't heard back from Alaska Learning Center.

President's Report:

- Michelle finalized authorization to access our on-line accounts at NorthRim Bank.

Treasurer's Report:

- Carol reviewed the treasurer's report as presented. (Enclosed) The church is in good financial shape!
- Gary inquired about the tax bill from the Muni, Carol will continue looking into this.

Facility:

- Gary submitted a detailed report of his projects, including checking the mail each day, garbage detail and the weekly stair lift inspections.
- The trim on the new windows in the sanctuary needs painted.
- Suggested that we need only 2 garbage cans. We have been paying for 3 and not using all of them. We do need to keep all 4 recycling cans.

- Linda moved and Teri seconded a motion to have Obie continue to plow and sand the parking lot. Gary will talk to him about plowed snow placement. Motion passed.

Worship Committee:

- Meets monthly, working on logistics for services. We need song leaders.
- Our regular Sunday worship service is continuing to be held on ZOOM, attendance has been good. We can see most folks and this format allows parishioners to take part in the service. Be sure to check the sign-up list. A printable program is available on line or you can follow along on ZOOM.

Health & Safety Committee:

- No report

Faith Formation Team:

- Weekly bible study continuing to meet each Wednesday.

Open Floor

- Mercy the Pig donations will go to Clare House through October, then Good Gifts through the holidays.

Our Neighbors:

- The "Jungle Book" is in rehearsal and will be presented on Zoom October 16th at 7:00p.m.
- Sister Annette will be planning a children's Christmas Eve program.

Old Business:

- Meals for kids will be tabled till next summer.
- Audio update - Pastor Erika has contacted Levi and we should be hearing from him soon.
- Pastor's evaluation. The executive committee will meet October 1st at 7:00 for a short meeting to choose the format for evaluation.

New Business:

- Gary made a motion, seconded by Teri to give pastor Erika 12 weeks of paid maternity leave. Motion passed. Michelle will contact Pastor Tim to see if he is interested in filling the position of temporary Pastor.
- Community garden plans - Gary presented a proposal for fencing from Mt. McKinley Fence Company in Wasilla. John is going to ask for another local bid.
- It was decided to move into Covid plan phase C. There will be no in-person church services until Pastor Erika returns from maternity leave.
- Carol made a motion to decrease Turning Point's monthly rent to \$600 until May 2021, seconded by Michelle. Motion passed
- Pastor Erika will do Dallas's evaluation.
- A motion to switch website hosts was made by Carol and seconded by Gary. Motion passed.
- Council member of the month for October - Teri
November - Michelle
December - Gary & Linda

Next meeting:

- Next regular meeting October 25, 2020 after Church Service.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn.

Closing Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Matthews, Secretary

