

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Summary
January 15, 2018

I. Call to Order

President Mike Berg called to order the meeting of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church (HCLC) Council at 7:00pm.

II. Devotions

Suzanne Flegal shared from a sermon once given by Martin Luther King, Jr. The main question asked, “what will happen to humanity if I don’t help?” Suzanne suggested replacing the word “humanity” with “our church” and then read the Prayer of St. Francis.

III. Approval of Draft Agenda

Deb Reilly moved approval of the agenda (below). Roy Geiger seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Call to Order

Devotions

Approve Draft Agenda

Approve Minutes from last meeting

Treasurer’s Report

Secretary’s Report: Correspondence; Giving Thanks

Vice President’s Report

Pastor’s Report

Ministry Reports

Action Items

Appointment of Synod Representatives

Building Rental Process

Old Business

Vanco Contract

New Business

Youth Ministry Vacancy

Cornhole Fellowship Event

Blood Drive/Fair Trade Winds

Council Meeting/Retreat February 3, 2018

Adjourn

IV. Approve Summary from Last Meeting

This item was tabled for tonight and will be addressed at the next council meeting.

V. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was circulated prior to the meeting. (Attached) Bob Thompson and Mike Berg highlighted the following: HCLC ended the year in the positive, HCLC fulfilled our Synod Pledge.

There were no questions specific to the report, however one question was asked about the timing of Ministry Chairs receiving their budget. Deb Reilly will send that information by email tomorrow (January 16, 2018).

VI. Secretary's Report

There was nothing to report from the secretary.

Four requests for thank-you cards were made.

Marcia K – HCLC archive work as well as organizing and digitizing music library

Lori N and the Altar Guild – exceptional work over Christmas

James M – raking and yard work for Sally M

Sarah B – raking and yard work for Sally M

VII. Vice President's Report

Deb Reilly circulated 2 reports prior to the meeting to inform the Council that the Finance Committee is working on a Financial Contingency Plan as well as a Strategic 5 – Year Financial Plan. These were shared as working documents for informational purposes. No action was required. Deb requested that Ministry Teams begin to think about priorities and where investments will be needed to move the church forward. Deb requested that Ministry Teams begin to think about priorities and where investments will be needed to move the church forward.

VIII. Pastor's Report

Pastor Kleiber circulated her report (attached) prior to the meeting. There were no clarifying questions. Suzanne Flegal moved that the Council accept the report. Dick Krapf seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Ministry Reports

Youth (No chair, reported by Mike Berg) – the Youth Group has the following plans:

02/04/18 Super Bowl Chili Cook-Off

02/11-13/18 Appreciation Grams

02/13/18 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

03/18/18 Silent Auction Basket Sale (requesting donations from each Ministry)

04/01/18 Easter Breakfast

04/22/18 After Church Lunch at Amphora or Jimmy's

The Youth Group has about \$7,400.00 of the \$10,000.00 needed for the Trip.

Christian Education – Betty Skelton reported they have their first meeting planned for January 24, 2018.

Property – Dennis Pattison reported that he will be in touch with Joy Heuer to facilitate a smooth transition for the Ministry.

Fellowship – Pam Darby reported that she has had her first meeting and will have more to report at the next meeting.

Director of Music – Jeremy Shoop reported that during Lent there will be a classical recital each Sunday evening at 7:00pm. It is not a worship session, but a nice way to start the week with beautiful music.

Stewardship – Mike Faulkner reported that we made \$1,400.00 for our Advent Appeal which will purchase 185 prayer books for the USO.

Outreach – Suzanne Flegal reported that she will have her first meeting soon. The Toy Drive for the USO lasted 3 weeks and was very successful. The USO was appreciative. She is planning a Lenten/Valentines diaper drive with the slogan, “We Share Because We Care”. She is also considering the possibility of putting together food boxes for school children who do not have enough to eat over the weekend. She plans to feature Outreach activities each month in The Quest. The date for Relay for Life was changed and it now conflicts with Mother’s Day as well as some graduations. Holy Cross will investigate and decide whether there is enough interest and availability to form a team.

Evangelism – Roy Geiger encouraged council members to attend the “E-vangelism E-vent” on Saturday, January 27. He is looking for a volunteer with marketing knowledge and experience to better utilize tools for letting others know about the good things going on at Holy Cross. He announced that the second Sunday in February will be a nametag Sunday. It coincides with Scout Sunday.

Worship and Music – Kathy Makowski announced that we are now using the term, “worship leaders” to describe all those who help during the Sunday services as part of the effort to encourage participation by more members of the congregation.

Personnel – Dick Krapf is looking forward to the year and will keep us updated on topics and issues as necessary.

X. Action Items

Synod Representatives

Our constitution describes the selection of Synod voting members in conflicting ways. In one section it indicates that Synod voting members are to be elected by the congregation and in another section it indicates that the Council can appoint Synod voting members. This year the Council will appoint voting members. In the coming year, Mike Berg will work with Joe Baggett and others to develop a plan to change the constitution so that the conflict no longer exists.

Building Use

Suzanne Flegal moved that the HCLC Council delegate authority to staff to approve one-time rentals that do not involve the serving of alcohol and then inform the Council. Roy Geiger seconded the motion. Roy asked if there was a provision for rentals that indicates a Council member, staff member or congregation member is to be present during church rentals. The answer is that there is no such provision. We collect deposits and staff or Mike Berg check the building before deposits are returned. Roy Geiger asked if our rate structure has been matched to other facilities in the area. The last time that was investigated was about 3 years ago and our rates were comparable to similar facilities. Pastor Kleiber recommended that a list of expectations be generated for future renters. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

Student Peace Award

President Mike Berg asked Vice President Deb Reilly to chair the meeting temporarily so that he could introduce a motion. The local Friends Church has raised money to fund a "Student Peace Award" that awarded yearly to a Herndon High School graduate. This year they are not able to use the same fund raiser activity they have used in the past. As a result, they are asking local churches to donate \$200.00. Mike Berg moved that HCLC donate \$200.00. Suzanne Flegal seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Old Business

10 members of the congregation use Vanco regularly in making their weekly contributions to the church. There have been 33 users in total including one time donations. Mike Berg moved that the Council give him permission to renew the Vanco contract with support from Devin Gist in identifying the best contract to meet our needs. Pam Darby seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

At this point, Mike Berg continued as chair of the meeting.

Mike Berg asked all members of the Council to pray about the opening in our Youth Ministry. Pastor suggested the youth be asked for suggestions of adults they would like as leaders of their group. Mike Berg and Deb Reilly will meet with the youth to pursue this.

XII. New Business

The Cornhole Fellowship Event will take place on Saturday, January 27, 2018. Suzanne Flegal moved that participating adults be allowed to bring alcohol to the event. Deb Reilly seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next Holy Cross Blood Drive will take place on March 10, 2018. Mike Berg will contact the Fair Trade Winds to coordinate.

The February Council meeting will be incorporated into the February 3, 2018 Council Retreat.

Pastor Kleiber distributed copies of the book, Lasting Impact, and asked all Council members to read the first chapter prior to the retreat. It is her hope that we will continue reading the book in advance of future Council meetings for discussion.

XIII. Adjournment

Deb Reilly made a motion to adjourn. Dennis Pattison seconded. The motion passed unanimously.