

## September Council Meeting Summery

7:00 PM – Call to order by Deb Reilly

Absent – Kathy Makowski, Helen Wolfe

**Devotion** by Deb Reilly about reducing anxiety and insecurities by thinking about gratitude. We were encouraged to express gratitude for all we have.

Motion to **approve the draft agenda** – Roy Geiger

Second – Suzanne Flegal

approved unanimously

**August meeting summary** has been distributed and corrected with comments.

motion to approve august council meeting summary – Suzanne F

Second – Michael Faulkner

approved unanimously

**Treasurer's report** by Bob Thompson

There is a potential for a red year. We are not overspending and that is helping things.

**Secretary report** – Absent

No giving thanks cards to be sent out this month

**VP report** –

*handed out the P&L for the budget and Building on the Best campaign*

*handed out the narrative spending plan for 2020*

Finances are not good and there are not easy places to find something to cut.

*handed out the proposed operating budget for 2020*

Ways to increase giving was discussed at the finance team meeting.

Weekly offering is lower than previous years.

*handed out HCLC 2020 Budget Preparation Summery*

We have been declining financially since we haven't had a pastor.

Refinancing the mortgage was discussed to lock in lower interest rates. a 15-year mortgage for 4.45%. 20-year rate is 4.6%. Half of our payments go in interest and half go to principal. We could save about \$15,000 a year.

It is the recommendation of the VP and Finance Team to refinance the mortgage to help with church finances.

Deb asked that the Finance Team to make a recommendation to the council as to how we should proceed.

Sam will find the particulars and would like to move quickly with an electronic vote by council.

The council agreed that this was a good idea to proceed with.

Motion to adopt the proposed operation budget for 2020 – Suzanne Flegal

Second – Dick Krapf

Discussion – Thanks to the finance team for all their hard work. Council leads were pointed to cuts that were made to their budgets by the Finance Team.

Approved unanimously

Work continues on our IT infrastructure.

Pastor received his laptop today.

### **President's Report**

Emailed prior to the meeting

FFX County accepted the request to change trustees. (Gene Bain, Rob Coffman, and Glen Piersol)

Annual meeting is 11/17/19 (a lunch will probably be arranged)

Ministries are asked to put together their annual reports for the meeting.

Building Use Agreement – Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ – Friday nights – 7-9 PM – Recurring  
They have asked to reduce the cleaning fee. It is currently \$25 per event.

25 Adults, 7 Children

Prayer and Fellowship

No food

Holy Cross will reserve the right to move them to a different room.

The agreement will last until the end of 2019. It may be continued if both parties wish to do so.

**MOTION** – Sam moves that we accept the request of the Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ for Friday night rentals up through 12/27/2019 on a trial basis to be extended if mutually agreed upon. The cleaning fee will be reduced to \$20.

**SECOND** – Daniel Contreras

Approved unanimously

### **Pastor's Report**

A written report was handed out at the meeting. It is full of thank yous.

We will be pursuing the gathering of a nominations team.

His "things" will be arriving tomorrow from Alaska.

### **New Business**

**MOTION** – Deb moves that the Council authorize the allocation of \$1000 from the "seminarian budget" to Katy Moran, a member in good standing at Holy Cross Lutheran Church and a seminarian at the United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg, PA.

**SECOND** – Roy Geiger

A letter from Katy Moran was read to the council that explains her plans for the money.

HCLC budgets \$1,000 per year.

It was requested that Katy speak in worship about what its like to be in seminary. She has also been asked to write an article for the Quest.

Approved unanimously

MOTION – See below – Moved by Dick Krapf

I move that Jeremy Shoop, Director of Music and Liturgy be given a sabbatical from January 2 - February 24, 2020. This is to be a one time sabbatical and implies no recurring sabbaticals for the Director of Music and Liturgy. There will be no cost to HCLC for this sabbatical. During this sabbatical Jeremy will focus on three topics: Lutheran Liturgy, Prayer, and Family Worship (making liturgy accessible to children and families). As part of this sabbatical Jeremy will worship at a different church each Sunday that he is gone, meet with their staff to discuss their liturgies, and read books on the three stated topics. Jeremy will provide weekly updates to the congregation via Facebook and the E-blast/Weekly Update. Upon his return he will have created the following materials: An adult Sunday School class about Lutheran Worship, a collection of new ideas for the Family Worship Team, a collection of new special liturgies, a collection of Prayers of Intercession to use on a three year cycle, and electronic files of all current special liturgies used at HCLC. If time permits he will also write a new set of texts to use in the weekly liturgy. After the completion of his sabbatical, Jeremy agrees to remain an HCLC employee for at least the next calendar year. A continuing service agreement will be signed prior to January 2, 2020.

Second – Suzanne Flegal

The motion passed unanimously.

Jeremy has been asked to put together a financial request for materials needed and mileage expected. This will be given to the HCLC Capital Campaign.

Dennis distributed the asbestos report.

Daniel was welcomed to council as Youth Chair.

Fall Outreach Drive will be coats.

Adjourned at 8:23 – Suzanne Flegal

SECOND – Pam Darby

Approved unanimously