

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Summary
October 21, 2019

I. Call to Order

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

II. Devotions

Jeremy Shoop shared a devotion reminding us that prayer is not to bend God's will to our own.

III. Approval of Draft Agenda

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

Call to Order

Opening Prayer and Devotion

Approve Draft Agenda

Approve Meeting Summary from September

Treasurer's Report

Secretary's Report: Correspondence; Giving Thanks

Vice President's Report – Refinance Mortgage; Budget

President's Report – Commitment Sunday; Annual Meeting; Upcoming Council

Pastor's Report

New Business

Building Use Question – Geiger

Fellowship Budget Issue - Darby

IV. Approve Summary

Suzanne Flegal moved approval of the September 2019 summary. Dennis Pattison seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report (attached) was circulated prior to the meeting. No clarifying questions were asked.

VI. Secretary's Report

There was nothing to report from the secretary. Jeremy made beautiful thank you cards.

VII. Vice President's Report

Sam Carter circulated the report (attached) prior to the meeting.

Sam shared monthly reports for both P and L Operating and Building on the Best. He also shared two ways of presenting the Narrative Spending Report in preparation for the Annual Meeting.

Sam presented several options for refinancing the Church mortgage, along with the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Sam moved that HCLC apply for a firm quote to refinance at a 15-year fixed rate. Suzanne Flegal seconded. It was not clear to the group whether a final decision could be made by the Council or the Trustees or the Congregation. Deb and Sam will check with Joe Baggett for guidance. The motion to apply passed unanimously.

VIII. President's Report

Deb Reilly circulated her report prior to the meeting (attached).

Deb announced that three versions of the commitment letter were mailed out today. One version went to most of the members of the congregation. Differentiated versions went to the 15 households which contribute the most and to those households which have not contributed this year. It is important to learn whether there is more we can be doing to support those who have not contributed.

The Annual Meeting will serve as our November Council meeting unless there is a specific need for an additional meeting. The December Council meeting will be a combined meeting and fellowship opportunity at Deb's home on December 9th.

IX. Pastor's Report

Pastor Martin circulated his report prior to the meeting. He highlighted his plans to support CAT goals. This will include emphasizing worship and music and attracting new people to join in the celebration as well as building on stewardship practice and strategies. There were no clarifying questions.

X. New Business

Building Use – Roy Geiger mentioned that he doesn't always know what is going on with other groups when he stops by Holy Cross and wondered whether there was something Teresa could produce that could be posted so the information is available. It was pointed out that we all have access to the calendar which is kept up to date.

Fellowship Budget Issue – Pam Darby noticed that coffee is being charged to the Fellowship budget which is a change from previous practice. It is not something she has budgeted for and will cause Fellowship to go over their budget. The budget issue will be resolved but Pam should continue as she has been and not worry about the coffee costs.

XI. Ministries

Worship and Music – no report at this time.

Evangelism – Report circulated prior to the meeting. (attached) No clarifying questions.

Fellowship – Report circulated prior to the meeting. (attached) No clarifying questions.

Stewardship – The Commitment letter went out. Report circulated prior to the meeting.
No clarifying questions.

Fellowship – No report at this time.

Property – No report at this time.

Youth – Report was circulated prior to the meeting. No clarifying questions.

Personnel – No report at this time.

XII. Adjourn

Suzanne Flegal made a motion to adjourn. Pam Darby seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REMINDERS

- Devotions:
 - November – Dennis Pattison
 - December – Pam Darby
 - January – Deb Reilly
- Meetings
 - November – The Annual Meeting will serve as the Council meeting unless there is a need for another meeting.
 - December – The Council meeting will be a combination meeting/fellowship opportunity at Deb Reilly's home on December 9.