



Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Summary  
August 17, 2020

I. **Call to Order**

President Deb Reilly called to order the Zoom meeting (during Covid-19 pandemic) of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church (HCLC) Council at 7:03 p.m.

II. **Devotions**

Deb Reilly substituted for Suzanne Flegal in reading the devotions. Pastor Martin led us in prayer.

III. **Approval of Draft Agenda**

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

1. Call to Order
2. Approve Draft Agenda
3. Approve Meeting Summary from July
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Secretary's Report – Correspondence – Giving Thanks
6. Vice President's Report
7. President's Report
8. Pastor's Report
9. New Business
  - a. Covid-19 Church & Renters Discussion - Deb
  - b. Time & Talent Survey – Betty & Deb
  - c. New Tech for Worship - Sam

IV. **Approval of Summary**

Roy Geiger moved approval of the July 2020 summary. Dick Krapf seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report (attached) was circulated prior to the meeting. Bob reported that the Capital Campaign is different this year than in the past. It is a little out of sync with Charlie's report, which is the real one.

Income was a bit lower. We are \$20K in the hole. People are doing the best they can due to Covid-19. The PPP should help get us through to the end of the year, but we need to be

careful with spending. HCLC made the first contribution to the Synod. The renters are back so that should help. .

VI. **Secretary's Report**

No report. A question was asked if Glen Piersol can roll back into the Trustee position. Deb Reilly, Sam Carter and Pastor will discuss how to handle the process..

VII. **Vice President's Report**

The Vice President's Report (attached) was circulated prior to the meeting Sam reminded everyone that it is budget season and asked the committee chairs to think outside the box on what we need to do while we're in Covid. Sam would like responses back to him by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Sam checked into how Community Lutheran conducts their morning services. He said they paid an outside service \$350 per session. That would equate to about \$18K in the best case scenario for us which is not feasible. Sam made an introductory call to someone in Tennessee. The fee was \$45 for a consult, but the individual provided great support. He made some recommendations and Sam purchased the necessary equipment. Sam is recommending that Bob Thompson, Pastor Martin, Jeremy Shoop and himself get together to test the equipment before the next online service. Jeremy will set up a Zoom call. Bob suggested that everyone meet onsite. Sam said he figured out the answer to Suzanne Flegal's question regarding wifi security in the parking lot.

A big thank you was extended to Pastor Martin, Jeremy, Bob and Sam for all the effort they have expended in creating the online services.

VIII. **President's Report**

Deb Reilly's report (attached) was circulated prior to the meeting. Deb had no additional comments other than what is in her report and asked if anyone had any questions.

IX. **Pastor's Report**

Pastor Martin's report (attached) was circulated prior to the meeting. Pastor Martin said the hard realities are going to be how we will continue to church. We need to prepare the congregation....and ourselves. It is almost Rally Day and we're not going to be getting together. How do we reach out to folks who want to get together. We will have to get creative and listen to the Spirit. God will get us through this and we will find new ways to do church. We should start planning on what we can offer.

Deb asked for ideas. Roy Geiger said we need to think about how we want to open the church for people who want to come back. How can we do this in a different light? He mentioned smaller communities within the larger community getting together, i.e., fiber arts, hiking, book clubs, coffee hours, services on Wednesday nights in the parking lot.

The committee chairs were asked to continue to call and check in on members.

X. **New Business**

New Technology for Worship – We are covered.

Covid 19 – Renters are eager to continue worshipping. Their numbers and dollars are down and they are asking for a reduction in rent. Deb feels it is reasonable to go back with a 20% reduction and the church will pay \$25 of the cleaning fee. She then opened it up for discussion. Roy made the motion that the rent be reduced by 20% and cost share the cleaning services until December 31, 2020. Dennis Pattison moved for approval of this motion and Kathy Makowski seconded. The motion carried unanimously

Deb Reilly thanked Betty Shelton for the time and talent information and how quickly she was able to consolidate it. The question was raised about if it makes sense to do it now. Betty said there are some things that are needed now. Dick Krapf said there should be a way to separate out the doable and non-doable. Bob suggested doing a follow up when things change. Pastor Martin recommended we do the survey first and figure out what would help right now, gather those ideas and then put out another survey to see who could lead those things. Send your ideas to Deb by the end of next week.

Suzanne Flegal asked how do we find what members who need help and who would be willing to help.

Outreach – Suzanne Flegal submitted a report (attached).

Evangelism – No report

Worship & Music – No report.

Christian Education – Betty Skelton submitted a report (attached).

Stewardship – No report.

Personnel – No report. .

Property – No report. Meeting with Cowboy Roofing on Wednesday morning. He asked Teresa to buy 2 more gallons of disinfectant.

Fellowship – No report.

Youth – No report.

XI. **Adjourn**

Roy Geiger made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.. It was seconded by Dennis Pattison. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Absentees: Pam Darby, Suzanne Flegal, Daniel Contreras

**REMINDERS:**

- Devotions
  - September – Sam Carter
  - October- Dick Krapf

- November – Daniel Contreras
  
- Meetings
  - September 14 – ExComm (5 p.m.)
  - September 28 – Council Meeting (7 p.m.)
  - October 12 – ExComm (5 p.m. )
  - October 19 – Council Meeting ( 7 p.m.)