



Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Summary
September 28, 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 7:01 p.m.

II. **Devotions**

Sam Carter led devotions and prayer.

III. **Approval of Draft Agenda**

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

1. Call to Order
2. Approve Draft Agenda
3. Approve Meeting Summary from August
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. Annual Meeting
 - b. Budget
 - c. Interner Usage

IV. **Approval of Summary**

Dennis Pattison moved approval of the August 2020 summary. Michael Faulkner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report (attached) was circulated prior to the meeting. Bob reported that we are down \$7.5K for the month and \$27K for the year....not using PPP. Using PPP gives us \$7-8K and acts as a cushion. We've had some loss of revenue such as space rentals, etc.

Bob went on to say that everything the church as done is top notch. We should be planning for the holidays to find some way to soften our burden. Wednesday night services are great and we have started a collection.

The PPP was considered a loan. When the period is over, it could be forgiven. The package is ready to go. If it is not forgiven, the loan becomes a \$35K loan. We've met the criteria and feel strongly that it will be forgiven. If it is forgiven, we're looking at +\$7K. Hats off to Deb for making this all happen.

VI. **Secretary's Report**

No report. Suzanne Flegal asked that thank you cards be sent to Cathy Pfisterer and Brian Virnelson as well as Dick Krapf for food deliveries to Link and Embry Rucker Shelter House.

VII. **Vice President's Report**

The Vice President's Report (attached) was circulated prior to the meeting. Sam Carter said that we have made a lot of progress on technology. He will need to work with Bob to add link for the offertory. Sam will work with Jeremy to improve lighting. Sam may need to swap out lights over the altar and choir areas. Sam will check with Bob about his camera lighting.

Sam needs to put wifi verbiage into network signon page.

The budget is not in horrible shape this year. Next year's budget will need to be dropped \$50K if we don't have to deal with Covid-19. We're short every year in I&D. There is a gap that we need to deal with. Sam has a high level of concern about getting into trouble if we don't do something.

Vanco has a new app that might be a direction we want to go to incorporate their new offerings into our ministries. The Capital Campaign received \$1100 for a family in crisis. It has been impressive how much the donations are that are coming in.

VIII. **President's Report**

Deb Reilly's report (attached) was circulated prior to the meeting. Deb reported that it has been agreed not run the time and talent survey now. A smaller survey will be sent out to ask "What do you need now?" Deb will talk to Teresa to send out an e-blast this week.

There has been some concern about moving Wednesday night services into inside. Jeremy said that he has purchased medically-rated filters, turns the fans on and bought two stand-alone fans that they use during Sunday services. We would need to require masks 100% and stay socially distanced. It won't be possible to keep the services outside for much longer. Dick Krapf asked if we could do bell choir. Jeremy thinks this is possible. Pastor has been talking with other pastors as to how they are conducting their services. We have about 30 attendees for Wednesday nights. Jeremy said that in terms of safety, using the filters and masks, it is safer than going to the grocery stores.

To do Sunday services, singing would have to stop and it would be a shorter service similar to Wednesday services. This decision should be put to the congregation. Deb asked if we should bring this up at the congregational meeting. Pastor asked about Christmas Eve services and possibly holding the services in smaller groups. The concern is about people

coming in who shouldn't be coming in due to health issues. We need to keep everyone safe. Some congregations are holding services by doing reservations. Sam said he thinks the drive-through is working well. We are rapidly approaching the time when people won't want to sit outside. Roy Geiger asked if we would exceed the fire marshal rating by bringing it inside. It was determined that would not be a concern. We could try a blended model and continue to use FB Live. We'll start in October and Jeremy will send a note to Bev so she knows what to tell the readers.

IX. **Pastor's Report**

Pastor Martin's report (attached) was circulated prior to the meeting. Pastor Martin said we have passed the six-month mark with Covid-19. His report fits with Sam's devotional. Worship has never stopped. Pastor gives thanks to the worship team, the tech people, the people who tune in every week as well as people who provide prayers and financial contributions. Our outreach to the community has not slacked off. The Holy Spirit is working through us/with us. The next six months won't be much different. There are a lot of challenges coming up. We're in a different kind of growth.

Deb Reilly mentioned the need to talk about our approach to the annual meeting on November 15th. Pastor has begun working on his contribution to the Annual Report. Deb asked that all ministries complete their contribution to the Annual Report by Monday, October 12th. Please send your report to Teresa, with copies to Pastor, Deb and Sam.

Outreach – Suzanne Flegal submitted a report (attached). Suzanne reported that Ellen Atwell has been doing Zoom lessons with some of her students. We are fortunate to have her keeping this effort going forward.

Evangelism – No report. Roy asked if Katie was paid for conducting services on Sunday. Pastor said she got paid as a Supply Pastor. Jeremy said that Sarah is not getting paid for her internship, but gets the opportunity to play the organ after she is finished working.

Worship & Music – No report.

Christian Education – Betty Skelton – No report. Suzanne and Joe Baggett have started the HCLC YouTube presentation of the Beatitudes for Kingdom Kids. Airs on Sat. morning at 9AM. and can be accessed at anytime. Adult Sunday School is happening on Sundays led by Pastor Eldred after the 10 AM service on zoom. Bible study is on the book of Nazareth and being done on Zoom.

Stewardship – No report. Mike is meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m. with Pastor Martin, Sam and Deb.

Personnel – No report. Dick Krapf mentioned that we're staying with the portico selection. There is a slight reduction in cost, no retiree contribution. He would consider keeping that in place.

Property – No report. Dennis met with the roofing company. An estimate should be coming in.

Fellowship – No report.

Youth – Daniel Contreras submitted a report (attached).

Jeremy said Teresa continues to do great things and everything is working out. It was mentioned that we have 4 ELL instructors and two Zoom users. Deb said the church is paying for 7 people to use the account at a cost of \$105. Sam and Suzanne Flegal will talk offline about the Zoom accounts.

We will vote on the budget next month.

X. Adjourn

Suzanne Flegal made a motion to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. It was seconded by Michael Faulkner. The motion passed unanimously.

Absentees: Pam Darby, Daniel Contreras

REMINDERS:

- Devotions
 - October- Dick Krapf
 - November – Daniel Contreras
 - December – Dennis Pattison

- Meetings
 - October 12 – ExComm (5 p.m.)
 - October 19 – Council Meeting (7 p.m.)
 - November 9 – ExComm (5 p.m.)
 - November 16 – Council Meeting (7 p.m.)