



Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Summary
April 19, 2021

Attendees: Pastor Martin Eldred, Sam Carter, Robert Coffman, Cheryl Smith, Bob Thompson, Betty Skelton, Suzanne Flegal, Roy Geiger, Dick Krapf, Dennis Pattison, Chris Nelson , Kathy Makowski, Jeremy Shoop

Absentees: Pam Darby, Daniel Contreras

I. Call to Order

President Sam Carter called to order the Zoom meeting (during Covid-19 pandemic) of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church (HCLC) Council at 7:04 p.m.

II. Devotions

Rob Coffman led us in devotions and prayer.

III. Draft Agenda

1. Call to Order/Devotion/Prayer
2. Approval of the Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report and Approval
4. Secretary's Report and reading of correspondence
5. Vice President Report
6. Pastor's Report
7. Director of Music and Liturgy
8. Reports of Ministry Teams
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
11. Closing Prayer
12. Adjournment

IV. Approval of Summary

Suzanne Flegal moved approval of the March summary. Roy Geiger seconded. The motion carried unanimously. .

V. Secretary's Report

No report.

VI. Vice President's Report

The Vice President's Report (attached) was circulated by Rob Coffman prior to the meeting. Rob had nothing additional to report other than what was in his written report.

VII. Pastor's Report

Pastor Martin stated the main focus is to figure out ways to safely gather. We need folks with a science background to help with safety procedures. Other people need to make the decision on when it is safe to meet. Pastor is pushing it back to council when we're going to re-open. We need to decide how we will handle music, passing of the peace, etc. Sam Carter said he will check with other congregations to see what they are doing. He will also check with the health department. Some people still have not been vaccinated. Easter worked really, really well. Maybe we can move up before Fall, possibly the Summer. Pastor Martin and Jeremy are not comfortable making the decision about re-opening guidelines. Pastor wants it to be a Council recommendation, possibly with a vote at the next Council meeting. Rob Coffman recommends formal guidelines be set up before making a recommendation. Jeremy Shoop brought up about when it is appropriate to move from Zoom to in-person sessions and the need to address those who do not want to be vaccinated. We should have a list of criteria. Jeremy said he will write down his list of concerns.

Pastor Martin (under New Business) was approached by a third congregation, with a Latino Christian missionary alliance background. They have requested to use the Fellowship Hall on Sundays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Pastor moves that we pass a motion to allow this group to use our facilities. Suzanne Flegal passed the motion and Dennis Pattison seconded. Rob Coffman asked if they have been vetted or references checked. Council will approve on a temporary basis. They will start on the first Sunday in May and have about 20-25 people in their congregation. Sam Carter recommends doing it on a trial basis. If it moves into a long-term basis, the congregation will need to approve. Sam will follow up with Joe Baggett and recommends a trial period of three months. Suzanne Flegal seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

VIII. Director of Music and Liturgy

Jeremy mentioned that Easter worship was a success. Jeremy said he received his new computer and will get his old one fixed.

IX. Treasurer's Report

Sam apologized to Bob Thompson for skipping over the Treasurer's Report. Bob said it took a long time to go back to find where we were this far ahead. Bob will continue to keep us updated. He said that we will continue to float all funds to Synod next month. The Treasurer's Report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Ministry Teams

Evangelism – Roy Geiger – No Report.

Worship and Music – Kathy Makowski - No report. .

Property Management – Dennis Pattison said that the ducts were scoped and there is a lot of dirt. Work will start next week. Dennis mentioned that he and Jane will be moving at the end of May. Someone will be needed to take over Property Management

Christian Education – Betty Skelton had no report.

Stewardship – Sam Carter said he thinks the video Chris and his sons created was really nice and asked how we get it on Facebook. Pastor Martin said it would be a good temple talk. Jeremy said he needs the actual file to put it on YouTube. The link will also be included in the 1st quarter letter.

Outreach – Suzanne Flegal circulated a report prior to the meeting. Suzanne looked into the concept of having an electronic recycling event. The cost would be between \$750 and \$1000. She will keep investigating. Jeremy said that there is a Boy Scout troop that does it at Four Seasons

Unfinished Business

Sam Carter has done a lot more due diligence and would recommend that we don't use Subsplash's giving platform right now. He had lengthy meetings with other churches. Several gave comments on the giving side. Sam said it would not be a show stopper but would cause us problems.

Sam met with Vanco. They are really dropping the ball. Their prices are competitive, but they are not the lowest. Sam met with Galilee and was told that they still have to do a lot of stuff manually. Sam will meet with another church tomorrow. Sam is recommending that we need to complete due diligence. He has looked at another company, but keeps coming back to Subsplash. Sam is recommending to adopt a social media platform. Roy Geiger said he wants more comments before making a decision. Sam said the numbers may have changed and he is now thinking about going with a one-year commitment. It will cost more than the two-year plan. They are planning a couple of updates in July and he would like to see them before making a decision.

Vanco's backup to Shepherd Staff creates dummy accounts. Subsplash sends a batch update weekly rather than daily. Sam would like the authorization to move forward with the amount that was originally approved. Suzanne Flegal said that if we're looking at the social media platform and not the financial piece, that she sees no reason not to move forward but only with the social media platform. Dick Krapf asked if it was for one or two years. Sam confirmed one year. Roy Geiger moved for approval and Suznne Flegal seconded. The motion was carried unanimously. Dick thanked Sam for doing all the work on this project.

New Business

None

Adjourn

The meeting ended with a closing prayer by Pastor Martin. Suzanne Flegal made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Roy Geiger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REMINDERS:

Devotions

May – Bob Thompson

June – Dick Krapf

Meetings

May 10 – ExComm (7 p.m.)

May 17 – Council Meeting (7 p.m.)

June 14 – ExComm (7 p.m.)

June 21 – Council Meeting (7 p.m.)