



Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Summary
February 15, 2021

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

Absentees: Daniel Contreras, Chris Nelson

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 7:09 p.m.

II. Devotions

Roy Geiger 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

Secretary Cheryl Smith noted a correction to the minutes around Rob Coffman's voting status at the December meeting. Suzanne Flegal moved approval of the February summary per the noted change. Roy Geiger seconded. The motion carried unanimously. .

V. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report (attached) was circulated prior to the meeting. We are starting off in the black, over \$6K to the plus. This is the first time since 2016 that we have had a plus in January.

We don't qualify for the PPP this go around. We made our commitment to the Synod and are currently budgeted at \$5K in 2021. Bob said he appreciates everyone's help.

VI. Secretary's Report

The Secretary had no report. A request was submitted by Roy Geiger to send a sympathy card to Helen Wolfe to acknowledge her father's recent passing. Cheryl mentioned that Vickie Thompson's mother recently passed. Sympathy cards will be sent to the Wolfe and Thompson families.

VII. Vice President's Report

The Vice President's Report (attached) was circulated by Rob Coffman prior to the meeting. Rob will send an email to Council for appointments to the Audit Committee. Sam said he may need to do this via email.

VIII. Pastor's Report

Pastor Martin circulated his report prior to the meeting. Pastor Martin said that we are doing well. He is touched by the outpouring of our congregation and is always in favor of applauding the things we are doing right. We will continue to look for new ways we can reach out to our neighbors. We've had some challenges but worship continues.

Pastor has completed a five-week course on Sabbath. They discussed that it is OK to rest and the Bishop is encouraging that the Pastors rest. Pastor will take a mini-sabbatical via a grant from the Synod. He was approved for two days at a modest hotel. Katie Moran will be the supply pastor during his absence.

IX. Director of Music and Liturgy

Jeremy reported that families are not watching online services on Facebook. Pastor and Jeremy will create children's sermons to put on YouTube. Chris Nelson will work on outside activities. Suzanne Baggett is planning something along the lines of the St. Lucia event. Jeremy is working on putting something together family worship bags each Sunday that will be delivered to the children's homes. Jeremy will be attending a seminar on Thursday by the Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery entitled "Holy God, Wholly Human". Jeremy has been working with the Corona team, melding Worship and Music with Christian Ed. Becky Morgan and the Pattisons made 70 bags with materials for Ash Wednesday services.

Ministry Teams

Outreach – Suzanne Flegal circulated a report prior to the meeting. Suzanne said people from outside our church community have been sharing in our outreach programs, i.e., the Herndon Woman's Club and people in the neighborhoods. Sam Carter said that we are being church through Suzanne's outreach program and we need to do more of it. Suzanne said that she would like to have children help her sort food to get them involved with outreach.

Sam wants to create a focus group to look into Subsplash. He will send invitations to members. He is looking at doing something using an app with our logo and we can put out what we want. He may have to go back to Roy for funding through livestreaming. The benefit being that it is outside the Facebook environment. Roy brought up that a year ago, Vanco had something. Do we want to throw that back in the mix or would this ultimately replace Vanco? Sam said Vanco's app is clunky and it's branded in their name. Sam talked with Galilee about different things they have looked at, but we will need someone to maintain.

Unfinished Business

Suzanne Flegal mentioned that in reference to the President's report, there have been problems in the past of trying to meld Shepherd Staff and Quickbooks. Bob Thompson and Charlie are reviewing. Bob said that he will meet with Teresa to review and compare with Quickbooks. There won't be an additional expense and it might help alleviate bank and contribution reports that do not marry up. An integrated report might solve for that.

New Business

No new business.

Adjourn

The meeting ended with a closing prayer by Pastor Martin. Suzanne Flegal made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Roy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REMINDERS:

Devotions

March – Suzanne Flegal

April – Rob Coffman

Meetings

March 8 – ExComm (7 p.m.)

March 15 – Council Meeting (7 p.m.)

April 12 – ExComm (7 p.m.)

April 19 – Council Meeting (7 p.m.)