



Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Summary
March 15, 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, Daniel Contreras, Jeremy Shoop

Absentee: Pam Darby

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 7:05 p.m.

II. Devotions

Suzanne Flegal 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 February summary. Daniel Contreras seconded. The motion carried unanimously. .

V. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report (attached) was circulated prior to the meeting. We have a unique situation in that we started this month a little bit ahead. When we people return for worship, that will make a big difference. As part of our annual contribution to the Synod, the first donation has been made. We have had no outside

assistance and we're holding on. Dick Krapf asked if we need to repay the PPP. Bob said it is a complete wash and we do not need to repay. Bob also stated that we are not eligible for another PPP.

VI. Secretary's Report

The Secretary had no report. Jeremy requested the secretary send out thank you notes to the Worship Team members who have been assisting with services during the pandemic. He will send a list to Cheryl with a note about what he would like noted. It was also requested that Suzanne Baggett be included to receive a thank you note.

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. Suzanne Flegal said there could be a caveat if one person goes against the nomination, then there must be a council meeting. The Constitution was changed to accommodate email voting. Sam said that we need to make sure our policies and procedures are being followed.

VIII. Pastor's Report

Pastor Martin said that looking at the year, it's clear that it would be nice to go back and do the things we used to do. He has talked with Bishop Ortiz about how things have changed. Leadership is working together in uncharted territory. As far as reformation, Pastor Martin thinks we are at that place right now. We are seeing new opportunities to bring people into our fold. We are Easter people. We have a great opportunity and it is a great time to be the Church.

IX. Director of Music and Liturgy

Jeremy reported that The Kids Zoom Worship is set to go and will be held monthly. He said the kids are good at using the computer. Jeremy wants the worship team recognized to let them know how much they are appreciated.

Ministry Teams

Evangelism – Roy Geiger thanked Deb Reilly and the others who are sending out notes as part of the Card Brigade. Roy is working with Jeremy to get some banners for Easter services. The SterlingFest has been moved from May 15th back to Saturday, October 9th due to ongoing COVID concerns.

Worship and Music – No report. Sam brought up Subsplash. Sam and Jeremy thought it might be an intro to our website so that everything would have the same look. We need to get a platform in place.

Christian Education – Betty Skelton had no report, but said we should pray for good weather on Palm Sunday and Easter.

Stewardship – Chis Nelson met with Pastor Martin to get some ideas to make sure we don't backslide on Stewardship.

Personnel – Dick Krapf updated info on taxes for Teresa Easterly and Social Security for Beatrice. He brought up a Ministry after COVID webinar and will send info to the Council. Pastor Martin mentioned that Katy Moran was paid through the grant from the Synod when she filled in for her him while he was on a mini-sabbatical.

Youth – Daniel Contreras has no report.

Outreach – Suzanne Flegal circulated a report prior to the meeting. The idea of creating a pantry library for the needy on church grounds was brought up. The location was discussed and it was thought that being closer to the road would be a better location than having it close to the church doors. Suzanne asked who would maintain it. Suzanne will follow up for more detail. We need to think this through. Suzanne thinks we could do a community recycling day. Pastor Martin said that his former church did it on Earth Day as an outreach program in May. Suzanne will look into options. Suzanne received an email from Herndon Cares. Details are mentioned at the top of her report.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Chris Nelson asked if there are limits on using the parking lot for a bike rodeo. Roy said if we stay within the COVID guidelines, we should be able to do that. He suggested partnering with Herndon Police Department to include bike safety. He said we should check with our insurance company as well. This may be something that Daniel could participate in with the youth group. Pastor said that he thought this would be great outreach for the community.

Pastor Martin was approached by a tour bus company asking to use our parking lot to park their buses. Pastor Martin sent the proposal around. He said they have two buses and currently park the buses at a church in Great Falls. They would give us a free tour once a month as compensation for parking here. The main supervisor lives across the street from the church and it would be convenient for him to park the buses here. He needs an answer soon. Rob Coffman will check with the insurance company and BBB. There is no business address listed, only an apartment number. Some things would need to be put in writing and changed on our policy.

Adjourn

The meeting ended with a closing prayer by Pastor Martin. Suzanne Flegal made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Daniel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REMINDERS:

Devotions

April – Rob Coffman

May – Bob Thompson

Meetings

April 12 – ExComm (7 p.m.)

April 19 – Council Meeting (7 p.m.)

May 10 – ExComm (7 p.m.)

May 17 – Council Meeting (7 p.m.)