



Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Summary
June 21, 2021

Attendees: Sam Carter, Robert Coffman, Cheryl Smith, Bob Thompson, Pam Darby, Betty Skelton, Suzanne Flegal, Roy Geiger, Dick Krapf, Chris Nelson, Kathy Makowski, Jeremy Shoop

Absentees: Pastor Martin Eldred, 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 7:07 p.m.

II. Devotions

Dick Krapf led us in devotions.

III. Draft Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Devotions
3. Approval of the minutes
4. Treasurer's Report and Approval
5. Director of Music & Liturgy Report
6. Pastor's report
7. Reading of correspondence
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 May summary. Roy Geiger seconded. The motion carried unanimously. .

V. Treasurer's Report

Donations are lightening up with a summer slump, but they are holding their own. They'll keep monitoring, but everything looks good. Dick Krapf moved approval of the May Treasurer's report. Kathleen Makowski seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Director of Music and Liturgy Report

Jeremy Shoop sent his written report before the meeting. He has nothing additional. We received a thank you card from the Herndon Fortnightly group for use of meeting space.

VII. Pastor's Report

No report. Pastor is on vacation.

VIII. Reports of Ministry Teams

Evangelism – Roy Geiger has no report. Roy asked if the rooms are ready to go now that we are having more and more groups starting to use the building. He suggested that people start to sign and date the items left in the refrigerator. He also suggested that a sign be posted reminding people to take out the trash. Last week, the cleaners went back to two days a week. In reference to the rodent problem, Roy said there is not much we can do about it as the contract states that we must close up all the holes. The pest control people come twice a year. Bob Thompson suggested setting up standard traps and Sam agreed that was a good idea.

Stewardship – Chris is planning a July/August summer stewardship activity for families. He will put something in the newsletter.

Fellowship – Pam Darby said that Jeremy emailed information regarding the Fourth of July ice cream social/concert and fireworks. ExComm thinks it would be nice to do a cookout on the 4th after church service. What is the sense of the group? Jeremy said we will be outside on the lawn and he will play the piano for 45 minutes. We will serve ice cream as we had done before. Sam Carter said we could do either or both. Pam thought holding it in the evening would be better. Chris Nelson said that we shouldn't worry about planning around children attending the event. It was decided to go with the evening event. Jeremy said he will push info out on eBlasts and Facebook. Start time will be 7:30 p.m., music by Jeremy from 8 to 8:45 pm. and fireworks at 9:45 p.m. We will ask the van people to move their vans.

Outreach – Suzanne Flegal circulated a report prior to the meeting. Girl Scout camp will be on the premises the week of July 5th. It will be mentioned in the weekly updates.

Personnel – Dick Krapf said that we are looking for a nursery attendant replacement for Erica. The individual needs to be fully vaccinated. A new candidate has been identified and Dick has put together a draft letter for the Pastor to send out. The constitution states that when a decision to do something has been made, we need to defer to when the Pastor can be involved. Jeremy stated that the Pastor needs to sign off on the council agenda. Suzanne is concerned about what we do regarding personnel issues. Pastor Martin is the chief personnel officer.

Pam Darby asked if we have a clue as to when we might want to do the morning coffees. Do we want to consider starting it now or do we want to wait until we go back to two services? We will follow the CDC guidelines which might trigger when we start. The Department of Health will be lifting restrictions at the end of the month. Jeremy recommends setting up outside if we are wearing masks inside. Jeremy said if people have been vaccinated, they should be ok with not wearing a mask. Sam said we don't need to make the decision right now, but it is coming up.

Unfinished Business

Use of the building: C120505 in the constitution states approval requirements. Council will work with Jeremy, Teresa and Pastor Martin on approvals. There are potential exposures regarding insurance coverage and tax exempt status.

Lopez were using the building using the weekly rate vs hourly rate for one day. We've given them the weekly rate. There had been some collection problems with them in the past. Their clients are kindergarten through fifth grade. The last time they rented, they paid \$1000/week. They use the fellowship hall, two classrooms and the gathering room.

Suzanne Flegal said that a change was made in the constitution regarding Council approval. It was to resolve one time use only renters after Council met. Sam Carter said he has read and discussed the issue with Joe Baggett. Jeremy said that any church rental has to be approved by the entire congregation – per the constitution. In prep for the annual meeting, some things require more notice. We need to get these things on the table.

A motion to approve allowing Lopez to return under the agreement they previously had was made. This is subject to them working with our schedule. There is a conflict with vacation bible school. We're not sure how we will conduct vacation bible school this year. Parents are concerned about safety issues. The rate Lopez had previously will be continued. Roy Geiger moved for approval. Pam Darby seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Sam Carter, acting as the property manager, recommends for roof replacement over the gathering area. It is leaking. If this is beyond the scope of Capital Campaign, the money will be taken out of I&D.

Roy Geiger and Sam Carter have been moving forward with updating livestreaming worship. Dennis Pattison and Sam Carter completed the electrical portion. The Bells can use the existing setup. Our panel boxes are no longer manufactured.

Roy asked how long before Dennis Pattison is off council. His term runs to the end of the year. It was asked if we could go back to the same contractors with whom we did previous business. It was decided not to use American Cowboy Roofing again due to their current rating.

Adjourn

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer. Roy Geiger made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Suzanne Flegal seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REMINDERS:

Devotions

July – Kathy Makowski

August – Pam Darby

Meetings

July 12 – ExComm (7 p.m.)

July 26 – Council Meeting (7 p.m.)

August 9 – ExComm (7 p.m.)

August 16 – Council Meeting (7 p.m.)