



Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Summary
July 26, 2021

Attendees: Pastor Martin Eldred, Sam Carter, Robert Coffman, Cheryl Smith, Bob Thompson, Daniel Contreras, Pam Darby, Betty Skelton, Dick Krapf, Kathy Makowski, Jeremy Shoop

Absentees: Suzanne Flegal, Roy Geiger, Dennis Pattison, 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 7:04 p.m.

II. Devotions

Kathy Makowski 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

Betty Skelton moved approval of the June summary with changes indicated (Pastor Martin was absent in June). Daniel Contreras seconded. The motion carried unanimously. .

V. Treasurer's Report

Bob Thompson submitted his report prior to the meeting. Overall giving every month of the year has been in the black. This has not happened since 2014. This is a good omen for the rest of the year.

VI. Director of Music and Liturgy Report

Jeremy Shoop sent his written report before the meeting. He has nothing additional.

VII. Pastor's Report

Pastor Martin sent out his report prior to the meeting. He said we don't know what is coming up in the future and asks that people remain resilient. He reminds us that we're really not in control. The next month will make a big impact. He will start initiating RIC in September with one or two community meetings. A lot will depend on responses from those meetings. The welcoming statement has been communicated.

VIII. Reports of Ministry Teams

Worship – Kathy Makowski did not have a report but said the committee will be meeting next week. Pastor Martin said that the Synod is sponsoring a hybrid church workshop tonight at 8 p.m. from the SE Texas Synod. He will send out the links and it can be viewed at a later date.

Fellowship – Pam Darby thanked everyone for their help for the 4th of July event. It went very well.

Education – Betty Skelton asked which nursery attendant is no longer here. She was told that it is Erica. She is asking about the cost of background checks for her replacement. Bob said he thinks it is somewhere between \$50 and \$100. Dick Krapf thinks it may be closer to \$100. Sam Carter told Betty to budget for \$100.

Rob Coffman extended kudos to Charlie for great records and to the staff for great reporting. He said thanks to everyone. He asked that everyone send their budgets to him by August 9th.

Unfinished Business

It has been brought to our attention that there are potential problems with the agreement with the City Coach buses parking on our parking lot. It could impact our tax exempt status. We can't have commercial vehicles parking on our property and we will have to ask them to remove them from the property. Rob said that he does not understand the process as no contract was signed. An officer of the church must sign. A shortened approval process had been used by the staff. Do we need to amend the constitution? Pastor Martin said it is a good learning opportunity and was always done with good intentions.

Sam Carter mentioned that we have received a request from an adjoining neighbor asking for permission to come onto our property for tree removal from his property. The arborist is licensed and would be responsible for any damage to our property. Sam made the motion to tell Teresa to go ahead if they are licensed and bonded. Kathy Makowski approved and Daniel Contreras seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Renters – Sam asked if we should provide allowance for set up and take down time. Sam said he doesn't have a problem with a half hour on each end. Pastor Martin is concerned about people pushing out the times. Kathy Makowski suggested that we charge by the hour. It was noted that renters are coming in at other times. The problem is that there no staff person has the authority to oversee it. Sam said we could probably control access with a security code, but it is not set up yet. There have been conflicts with the quilters and the 7th Day Adventists on Saturdays. We have the ability to check the cameras and could enforce payment based on usage. Modifications would have to be made to the contracts going forward. Sam will work with Teresa on getting something sent out.

We are not consistent with enforcing the mask policy. With the new Delta variant, Pastor suggests we follow the most restrictive state or local policy. After a lengthy discussion amongst the Council members, Pastor said that he would put together a policy outlining what has been discussed and pass around for review.

Sam reminded people that term limits are ending for some positions. He asked that people start to try to find replacements for themselves.

Pam thanked Pastor and others for Sunday's service. She said the audio was very good. Pastor Martin thanked Sam, Bob and Jeremy for their tech support. He is grateful for everyone's work. Sam thanked Pastor and Jeremy for doing a wonderful job at Susan Orr's funeral. He thanked Jeremy for doing a great job in Pastor Martin's absence.

Adjourn

Rob Coffman made a motion to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Daniel Contreras seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REMINDERS:

Devotions

August – Pam Darby
September – Chris Nelson

Meetings

August 9 – ExComm (7 p.m.)
August 16 – Council Meeting (7 p.m.)
September 13 – ExComm (7 p.m.)
September 20 – Council Meeting (7 p.m.)