



Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Summary  
September 20, 2021

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

Absentees: Dennis Pattison

**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 7:01 p.m.

**II. Devotions**

Chris Nelson led us in devotions. Pastor Martin led us in prayer.

**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 August summary with updated changes to the mask policy expressed by Pastor Martin. Roy Geiger seconded. The motion carried unanimously. .

**V. Treasurer's Report**

Bob Thompson submitted his report prior to the meeting. He had to make some reporting adjustments due to conflicts between the systems. We're still hanging in there. We are in the blue and the last time we were in the blue was seven years ago. Things are looking fine and we hope it will continue.

Suzanne Flegal moved approval of the Treasurer's Report and Dick Krapf seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **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 that he wants to be more clear about RIC and plans to do some adult classes on Sundays, very similar to the session we had on Tuesday night. Pastor Martin said he tried to send a card to Pastor Connor but it was returned. Suzanne Flegal said that she has his correct address and will forward to Pastor Martin.

#### **VIII. Reports of Ministry Teams**

**Outreach** – Suzanne Flegal sent out her report. She said that she would like to find ways to help the Afghan immigrants who are being sent to our community. She asked for any ideas for Advent appeal.

**Worship** – Kathy Makowski had nothing to add to her report.

**Education** – Betty Skelton had nothing to add to her recently submitted report. She said that Suzanne Baggett has reached out to Amy Naughton. There is concern about how protected children are now that they have returned to school.

Pastor Martin asked Chris if he spoke with other families. Chris' response:

- They prefer to do outdoors
- Would like a schedule well enough in advance so people can make plans
- Chris is willing to assist with any other outreach

How do we ease people back in and gradually get people comfortable?

**Stewardship** – Chris Nelson sent out an email regarding the stewardship scavenger hunt. He asked if there are any other suggestions and is interested in feedback.

**Property** – Sam Carter supervised the replacement of the light bulbs in the sanctuary, narthex and fellowship hall.

**Personnel** – Dick Krapf said that Teresa will be out four-to-six weeks for surgery. Sam posted deadlines to get work done prior to Teresa's leave. Erica is still on the books, but she's not getting paid.

**Fellowship** – Pam Darby said she is happy to see fellowship is coming back.

**Youth** – Daniel Contreras is working forward to prepare care packages to kids going to college.

**Evangelism** – Roy Geiger is asking for volunteers for ushers. He said we are averaging 60 people per Sunday and there is an overlap of people.

October 9<sup>th</sup> is SterlingFest and October 16<sup>th</sup> is the Herndon Homecoming Parade. Holy Cross will host a goodwill snack bar for this event. We will not be marching in the parade this year.

**Finance** - Rob Coffman will submit his report later.

### **Unfinished Business**

City Coach is still parking on our parking lot. Pastor Martin will call them tomorrow.

A question was asked about what time the annual meeting will start on November 14<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested starting around 12:30. A question came up about feeding people. It doesn't have to be a full lunch, we could at least have snacks. Sam will talk with Pam about it.

Pastor Martin said he wants to split the Welcoming Statement apart between welcoming and RIC for separate votes. Suzanne Flegal made a motion to move forward with the Welcoming Statement piece. Roy Geiger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Roy Geiger asked about Commitment Sunday on October 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be moved to the 17<sup>th</sup> so they can still get in the budget. Pastor Martin will meet with Chris Nelson to strategize.

We are considering doing a hybrid meeting for the annual meeting. Suzanne Flegal suggested we consider hiring tech support rather than asking volunteers.

BSA Charter – Before Sam signs the charter, he has heard that another church has been directed not to sign. ELCA is not as strong in their comments. After some discussion, it was determined that if we are covered by insurance, then we can move forward with the charter. Sam said he would like to find a way to make that happen. Pastor Martin said there is some confusion surrounding the Girl Scout group's non-traditional use of our building. They are now asking to use the church for a series of programs that cover little girls through high school. They would start in November for two-hour sessions and it won't be an ongoing thing. If they meet between 4 to 6, there shouldn't be a conflict. Suzanne Flegal made a motion to grant the Girl Scouts use of the church facility. Chris Nelson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Roy Geiger said he feels we do not have enough information. Sam Carter said he has talked with Joe Baggett about this.

Pastor Martin distributed a book entitled "Canoeing on the Mountain". It deals with change and suggests we try to read the first part together.

Rob Coffman asked when we need to vote on the constitution changes. Sam said they're mostly housekeeping changes and so we only have to have one vote. The council will make a recommendation for approval. Sam said that he will send out the changes.

Rob Coffman submitted his letter of resignation to serve as vice president of the church council, effective October 31, 2021.

### **Adjourn**

Richard Krapf made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Roy Geiger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**REMINDERS:**

Devotions

November – Daniel Contreras

December – Cheryl Smith

Meetings

November 13 – ExComm (7 p.m.)

November 20 – Council Meeting (7 p.m.)

December 14 – ExComm (7 p.m.)

December 21 – Council Meeting (7 p.m.)