



Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2023

Attendees: Sam Carter, Joe Baggett, Cheryl Smith, Vivian Jefferson, Karen Faulkner, Anne Geiger, Gene Bain, Gary Wolfe, Carol Shaffer, Chris Nelson, Jeremy Shoop, Pastor Martin Eldred

Excused: Chip Edwards

Presenters: Deb Reilly, Sarah Schulmeyer, Roy Geiger

I. Call to Order

Sam Carter called the Zoom meeting of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church (HCLC) Council to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Devotions

Anne Geiger led devotions and the opening prayer.

III. Draft Agenda

- Call to Order
- Devotions – Anne Geiger
- New Business (Partial)
 1. 60th Celebration – Deb Reilly
 2. Wildlife Habitat – Roy Geiger
 3. Stephen Ministry – Sarah Schulmeyer
 - a) Volunteers in Place
 - b) \$4,000 funding received
- Approval of the Minutes
- Treasurer’s Report and Approval
- Director of Music and Liturgy Report
- Pastor’s Report
- Reading of correspondence
- Reports of ministry teams
- VP/Finance Committee Report
- Unfinished Business
 1. Reminder to be thinking about nominations for your replacements
 2. New Website patterned after Vanco Demo Site:
 - a. <https://www.holycrossherndon.org>
 - b. <https://www.vancovalleychurch.com>

- New Business
 1. VP Resignation – Recruit New
 2. Other Items
- Closing prayer
- Adjournment

60th Anniversary Celebration – Deb Reilly

The 60th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled to be held on Sunday, November 5, 2023 (All Saints Day) with a single worship hour. Katy Moran and others will be asked to attend. This will kickoff Rally Day. They're looking at a budget of about \$6,800 and some fundraising will be needed. The committee will ask people to purchase a dove in memory of someone or whatever they choose. There will be no set price to make a purchase/donation. They will start selling the doves at the July 4th event. The question was raised about asking pastors from other churches to speak. Everyone was on board with that.

Wildlife Habitat – Roy Geiger

Roy handed out a map of the property and escorted everyone outside to look at the various areas. We will work with what we have. Grants are available. Chris said that Parks may have funds available. We may be able to do cleanup with the Boy Scouts. Gary asked who would be doing all the work and was told that it will be done by volunteers. Adding bee hives was also mentioned. Sam Carter said he liked what he saw and that we should move forward with the project.

Stephen Ministry – Sarah Schulmeyer

Sarah explained that this is an internal organization that reaches out through people within your church. People within the congregation are trained to work with people within the congregation who are lonely, ill, etc. It is a one-on-one prayer program to interact with and encourage individuals. A core leader will oversee the program. The cost of enrollment is \$1,675 for a lifetime membership; leader training is \$1,687; \$50 for individuals. Sarah volunteered to be the initial Stephen Ministry leader and will train a second person. It will cost roughly \$4,000. Some volunteers have signed up. It is non-denomination. Someone has anonymously made a donation. Pastor Martin is very enthusiastic about the program and wanted to get one started in Alaska. The leaders would have to work closely with the Pastor. Joe Baggett asked who they are accountable to and is concerned about the opportunity to take advantage of people. Some discussion ensued where upon it was decided that Holy Cross would move forward and support it. The motion was made by Anne Geiger, seconded by Carol Shaffer and approved unanimously by all.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Anne Geiger made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023 meeting. Vivian Jefferson seconded and all voted in favor of approval.

V. Treasurer's Report

Joe Baggett submitted his report prior to the meeting. We are almost \$11,000 in the negative for the year. It goes up and down but we have to watch closely. We have money in the cash flow reserve fund and we're not

in a crunch. Sam said the situation is one of concern but not a panic. Gene Bain made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Karen Faulkner seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approval.

VI. Director of Music and Liturgy Report

Jeremy Shoop submitted a written report and had nothing more to add to it.

VII. Pastor's Report

Pastor Martin submitted a written report and had nothing to add.

VIII. Correspondence

No report.

IX. Reports of Ministry Teams

Education – Chip Edwards could not be here tonight.

Evangelism - Karen Faulkner provided a written report. She will followup with pictures from the the last event. She will be focusing on the July 4th event. She found the brochure used for the 20th anniversary celebration.

Fellowship – Anne Geiger submitted a written report.

Outreach – Vivian Jefferson submitted a written report.

Personnel – Gene Bain submitted a written report.

Property – Gary Wolfe submitted a written report. All the visible holes on the roof are patched and we will wait for the next rain. The urinal is not working but it makes no sense to repair it as it will be part of the bathroom updates.

Stewardship – Chris Nelson has started polling parents for activities. He will work with Pastor on the youth side of activities.

Worship – Carol Shaffer submitted a written report.

X. Vice President/Finance Committee Report

Adjourn

Pastor Martin led the closing prayer. Joe Baggett made the motion to adjourn at 8:27 p.m., seconded by Carol Shaffer. All were in favor.

REMINDERS:

Devotions

June – Gary Wolfe (Cheryl will read for Gary)

July - Karen Faulkner

Meetings

June 19 – 7 p.m. (via Zoom)

July 17 – 7 p.m. (TBD @ local restaurant)