



Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
August 21, 2023

Attendees: Sam Carter, Joe Baggett, Cheryl Smith, Vivian Jefferson, Karen Faulkner, Gene Bain, Chip Edwards, Gary Wolfe, Jeremy Shoop, Pastor Martin Eldred

Absent: Chris Nelson, Carol Shaffer, Anne Geiger

**I. Call to Order**

Sam Carter called the Zoom meeting of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church (HCLC) Council to order at 7:03 p.m.

**II. Devotions**

Gene Bain led devotions and opening prayer.

**III. Draft Agenda**

- Call to Order
- Devotions – Gene Bain
- 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
- New Business
- Closing Prayer
- Adjournment

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

Gary Wolfe made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2023 meeting. Joe Baggett seconded and all voted in favor of approval.

**V. Treasurer’s Report**

Joe Baggett submitted his report prior to the meeting. Joe said that we bounced back in income from June. He said this fluctuation occurs in the beginning of the summer. Sam said that he’s noticed that it looks like a

prevalent trend. Grant money was used for the AED equipment. Gene Bain mentioned that the attendance at the first service yesterday was really down. He asked how is the income? Joe said that the income side is really concerning right now. Pastor Martin asked how are we using the Rebuild Funds. Joe said that we have not used them until last month when we paid for the defibrillator. The plan is to use the fund for bathroom updates. Deb Reilly is the lead and most knowledgeable. The sooner the plans get executed, the better. The defibrillator cabinet will get installed next week. Gene Bain made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Cheryl Smith 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 to add.

**VII. Pastor's Report**

Pastor Martin does not have a written report but will get one sent off. Vacation Bible School went well. He's tying up loose ends before surgery. Pastoral coverage has been updated. Lunch for the Soul is covered. Pastor is shooting to be recovered by the second Sunday in October. He thanked Pam Mitchum for her coverage.

**VIII. Correspondence**

Nothing to report.

**IX. Reports of Ministry Teams**

**Education** – Chip Edwards submitted a written report. Chip thanked Suzanne Baggett for everything she did in working on Vacation Bible School.

**Evangelism** - Karen Faulkner provided a written report and had nothing to add.

**Fellowship** – Anne Geiger – absent.

**Outreach** – Vivian Jefferson submitted a written report. Eight organizations will be joining us on Rally Day. Bring friends and family to the event. There will be two donation opportunities; one will be to donate gently used shoes.

**Personnel** – Gene Bain did not submit a written report. Gene said that a young lady contacted the admin about our ad for nursery assistant. Gene reached out to her but she has not responded. Sam suggested that Gene try one more time. The candidate came from a posting on a neighborhood site. Pastor Martin said that we need procedures about handling these notices. Gene said he will work with Pastor Martin on this. Joe Baggett said that he has seen hiring requests on Synod posts.

**Property** – Gary Wolfe submitted a written report. Anne Geiger researched the resurfacing of the parking lot and will report at next month's meeting. He purchased one parking sign and it was relatively inexpensive. Gary and Joe will put it up. There is a work day scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup>. Pastor said that he has been questioned by the neighbors about the meadow on our property. Roy has a sign showing that it is a wildlife habitat. Deb has some seeds she wants to put down, but they need the landscapers to mow that area before she can do that. Gary said that he will work with Deb and Roy to get the sign installed.

**Stewardship** – Chris is not available this evening, but he has jumped into working on the Youth side of council. Pastor Martin mentioned that the nominating committee has come up with some nominees.

**Worship** – Carol Shaffer is at the shore and not here this week.

**X. Vice President/Finance Committee Report**

Sam does not have an update.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

Gene Bain asked about stocking of the emergency medical supplies. There had been an emergency one evening and when he went to find the emergency kit, it was empty. Gary will look into it.

The defibrillator will need to be mounted. It will be placed on one side of the pull-down shutter on the narthex side. The cabinet will have an audible alarm on it so people will know when it is being used.

**Adjourn**

Karen Faulkner made the motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m., seconded by Gary Wolfe. All were in favor.

**REMINDERS:**

Devotions

September 18 – Chip Edwards

October – Carol Shaffer

Meetings

September 18 – 7 p.m. (via Zoom)

October 26 – 7 p.m. (via Zoom)