



Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2022

Attendees: Pastor Martin Eldred, Sam Carter, Stanley Medikonda, Cheryl Smith, Joe Baggett, Deb Reilly, Eugene Bain, Chip Edwards, Karen Faulkner Anne Geiger, Carol Shaffer, Gary Wolfe, Jeremy Shoop

Absent: 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 7:03 p.m.

II. 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. Finance Committee Report
10. Unfinished business
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 - a. Request from Troop 157 – Wayne Newcomb
12. New business
 - a. Building Use – Fellowship Hall
 - b. BSA Training – Craig Reichow
 - c. Wedding for Satish Hiwali's daughter
13. Closing prayer
14. Adjournment

IV. Approval of Summary

The motion to approve the last minutes from the October 18, 2021 meeting are postponed until next month as the majority of council members are new and were not present at the October meeting. Sam Carter asked that they review the minutes prior to February's meeting at which time Council will vote on approval.

Treasurer's Report

Joe Baggett submitted his report prior to the meeting. He noted that the numbers are very positive and that we would have to go back to 2014 when we had comparable numbers. Joe stressed that there is a need not to let the personnel account to go deficient.

Sam Carter can get two cameras (with a pan tilt zoom) and a controller at a package deal of \$2500 or \$2200. This would put one camera in the back and one in the front. Sam would like to recommit that we do that. At the end of the year, Sam would kick in the difference. Carol Shaffer moved the motion to approve, seconded by Anne Geiger. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. Director of Music and Liturgy Report

Jeremy Shoop mentioned that some emails are going into the junk folder. Please follow up if you do not receive a response from staff members.

VI. Pastor's Report

Pastor Martin sent out his report prior to the meeting. Reviewing the Advent and Christmas seasons was helpful and healing. Seeing the attendance at St. Lucia meant a lot. Beer and Carols was a success. It was great to see the attendance at the Christmas Eve services.

Lunch for the Soul – Trinity Presbyterian started this project and we were asked to help. They have meeting at Holy Cross since December. The attendees are invited, a van picks them up and the attendees are provided with a hot meal and devotion. Holy Cross assumes responsibility on the first Wednesday of the month. Christian Missionary meets at Holy cross on Sunday afternoons. Some of the attendees come from the Lunch for the Soul group.

Pastor will be away at a three-day conference in Orlando from February 8th through the 10th. The conference is called “Igniting the Church” and is designed as a way to look at fostering new ideas. He will be spending some family time for elder care for two weeks from February 14th through March 1st. He requests that we move our February Council meet from the 20th (a National holiday) to the 28th.

Anne Geiger asked who has been doing the lunches in the past. Three other churches have been doing the lunches. Pastor that two of the other churches would like to use our kitchen to make food here. There are generally 15-20 people who attend, in addition to about 8 leaders from four churches and four lay people. Pastor asked if we could make more food for the leaders as well. All are from Central America and men of faith.

VII. Reading of Correspondence

Cheryl had not received any correspondence to share, but Sam mentioned that we had received communication from Wayne Newcomb requesting consideration to sponsor Troop 157. After some discussion, it was decided that Holy Cross Lutheran Church could not assume the liability in light of the BSA's charter requirements. We also received notification that BSA has filed for Bankruptcy and is operating under a Debtor-in-Possession (DIP) agreement. Sam Carter will communicate our denial for this request to Wayne.

The insurance company notified us that they eliminated coverage for cyber security and communicable diseases. We will need to pay more attention on our security network and may need to put on a password manager.

VIII. Reports of Ministry Teams

Outreach – Deb Reilly said that everything is in her report, but she does need a comprehensive list of people who are on the Outreach committee.

Evangelism – Karen Faulkner reported that 70 people attended Beer and Carols and brought in \$1400 in donations. Between 16-18 people contributed to the door prizes. Karen is working with Deb on creating a brochure for Evangelism. The town of Herndon will host the Easter Egg event. The last time it was held, there was a tremendous turnout. Karen will follow up with an email to let the Town know our involvement as a vendor. She will be looking for volunteers. Karen said that there are people to do the card brigade in place through April.

Fellowship – Anne Geiger is working with Deb Reilly and Pam Darby to see what should be done. Lenten meals should be first if we are able to do them.

Personnel – Gene Bain had no report.

Worship – Carol Shaffer submitted a written report. She mentioned that February 13th is Scout Sunday and that Anne Geiger is taking care of that. Ash Wednesday is March 2nd. The Lenten dinners has not been resolved. There is a lack of volunteers for Altar Guild and there are big holes in the schedule. They are losing their chairperson when Lori Newcomb moves away. They may have to divide it up into smaller jobs so one person doesn't have to do it all.

Education – Chip Edwards had no report. He did ask if he could get a copy of Betty's reports to review. Chip said that he has three names for background check. He will set up a meeting with Pastor Martin to understand what he should be focusing on. The ESOL classes are being held only on Wednesdays. Chip said that if they go back to two-day classes, it will conflict with Council meeting.

Property – Gary Wolfe reported that he has changed the furnace filter, cleaned up the fallen limbs and repaired the cabinet door. He said that some lights need to be changed and he hopes to replace them with energy efficient bulbs. Deb Reilly is helping Gary put together a property brochure.

Finance – Joe Baggett needs keys. He will ask Teresa for inventory of keys and alarm codes.

Unfinished Business

BSA – BSA is fraught with problems and we should run as fast as we can from BSA. Once people have tapped out BSA, they will go after other sources to find funds, A lot of money will be spent on lawyer fees. Troop 12 Charter will remain consistent with what we have been doing. We have representation with Craig Reichow and Anne Geiger. Sam Carter has signed Troop 12's charter renewal. Anne said that she would like to have ongoing discussions throughout the year instead of waiting until the end of the year. Troop 12 scouts must have a responsible adult with them at all time. Troop 157 and Pack 157 is a different animal. Wayne Newcomb oversees Troop 157 and Chris Nelson is over Pack 157. They are looking for a Charter organization. We would be spreading ourselves thin with taking on three troops. Wayne needs an answer soon. Herndon UMC is not going to sign the charter and Wayne has been looking for a new organization. Anne said she is pro-scout but is hesitant on this one. PTA's have backed off as well. Pastor said they changed their rules and are trying to guilt us into this but it is not on us. Joe Baggett made a motion to disapprove. Gene Bain seconded. All approved, except Anne Geiger who abstained. Joe Baggett said that he could go with a facilities use request but the Scouts won't agree to that. Craig Reichow uses the facility usage

for his high adventure program but it is not charter use, only facility use. Anne Geiger made a motion to approve this usage and Joe Baggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Pastor Martin asked if Council has to vote on all of types of building use. He said that Satish's daughter's wedding (7th Day Adventists) asked to use the fellowship hall. He filled out a form last week and no liquor will be on premises. Anne Geiger made a motion to approve the wedding at the friends and family rate. Seconded by Stanley Medikonda. Deb Reilly asked if we are charging fees. A \$100 janitorial fee will be charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Pastor Martin moved that the next Council meeting be moved from February 21 to February 28. Deb Reilly seconded and all approved.

Adjourn

Deb Reilly moved to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Stanley Medikonda seconded.

REMINDERS:

Devotions

February – Deb Reilly

March – Gary Wolfe

Meetings

March 14 – ExComm (6 p.m.)

March 21 – Council Meeting (7 p.m.)

April 11 – ExComm (6 p.m.)

April 18 – Council Meeting (7 p.m.)