

**Lutheran Church of the Cross**  
“Making Jesus Known by Sharing Our Gifts”  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June 18, 2019

**Meeting was called to order** by Kylie at 6:36pm

**Attending:** Kylie Blanchard, Tom Harris, Krisi Kunz, Heather Martin, Mark Kunze, Pastor Lisa Ahlness, Art Wheeler, Connie Werner **Absent:** Ken Will, Jon Hanson, Janie Hague

**Devotions:** Pastor Lisa led us in prayer

**Approval of May Minutes – Krisi K motion/Mark K second/APPROVED**

**Pastor’s Report Lisa**

1. Synod Assembly in June, Minot
  - a. Lisa, Kylie, Ken (Synod Treasurer), Janie, Murray Sagsveen (Synod Attorney)
  - b. No elections or major topics
  - c. Participated in multiple breakout groups
2. Vacation Bible School last week
  - a. Overall good event
  - b. Sang at Wed picnic/service
3. Camp of the Cross auction last Saturday raised \$24,000
4. Worship and Music Committee recommending moving Wednesday services to 6:15pm starting in the fall and continue confirmation during Lent

**Director of Discipleship (DOD) Janie**

1. Janie not present, but provided written report to the Council
2. Key items
  - a. VBS a success
  - b. Movie night scheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup>
3. No questions

**Treasurer’s Report**

1. Promissory notes
  - a. Redeemed \$45,000
  - b. Note 1 now paid off
2. General fund \$30,000 short of budget goal through 6 months; however, gifts overall more than expenses to date
3. Reviewed the copier budget, but no recommended changes at this time
4. After some discussion Heather motioned to accept the Treasurers report, Tom seconded/APPROVED

## **Old Business:**

1. Audio visual project update
  - a. No new quotes as of this time
  - b. Discussed options moving forward and timing of implementation
  - c. Krisi moved that that Council waive the 3 bids requirement, Mark seconded/APPROVED
  - d. Reviewed the current proposal from AVI and discussed goal to install the new equipment, as well as a replacement PC and make the changes by this fall
  - e. Art confirmed funds available for the equipment and work
  - f. Krisi motioned the Council approve finalizing and signing a contract with AVI and approve Tom to purchase a new projection PC, Heather seconded/APPROVED

## **New Business:**

1. Review Summer hours
  - a. Clarified intent of establishing office hours is to provide staff opportunity to complete work outside the office during work hours without having someone at the building
  - b. Office hours discussed and agreed to, but not voted on during May meeting resulting in some questions requesting clarification on when the Church is open during the summer,
  - c. Noted as an oversight by the Council not to publish the hours on the newsletters more formally
  - d. Recommendation made to post a clarification in the July monthly Newsletter and in the weekly newsletters through the rest of June
  - e. Council also discussed setting an expectation that the Council will review any proposed summer hours every May
  - f. Tom motioned and Krisi seconded the following:
    - i. The Church will be open without appointments between 9am-1pm Monday through Friday
    - ii. The Staff is authorized to work off campus/outside the Church 12-5pm during workdays on other Church-related business and will be available on request at the Church for appointments.
    - iii. In the future, the Church Council will schedule a vote each time Church hours change and will notify the Church body at the next opportunity
2. Safety and Security Workgroup
  - a. Volunteers appointed by the Council, including
    - i. Roger Krueger
    - ii. Mike Collins
    - iii. Brian Johnson

- iv. Murray Sagsveen
    - v. Ken Will (as able)
  - b. Jon Hanson will be the Council rep since this falls under Building and Grounds Committee
  - c. Received Security quotes collected by Ken Will with recommendations for new security system
  - d. Will provide to the workgroup for their review with recommendation to meet with workgroup to review any recommendations by Jul 26<sup>th</sup>
- 3. Camp of the Cross scholarship proposal
  - a. Proposal to provide a donation specifically to assist a collegiate staff member
  - b. Krisi motioned that the Council approve a \$500 donation from the LCC-budgeted Camp of the Cross fund for LCC member of the Camp's staff for this year only with the understanding that the funds will be paid directly to the college on behalf of the college-enrolled staff member
  - c. Mark seconded the motion/APPROVED
  - d. The Council noted that they will look at the way current LCC scholarships are set up and discuss consideration for camp staff members in future scholarship opportunities as part of 2020 budget planning
- 4. Synod is notifying all councils that a survey is coming in anticipation of the ELCA Bishop vote
- 5. Rally day is scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup>; theme is "God's work, our hands"
  - a. Usually do a Church-wide activity
  - b. Pastor Lisa requesting to set up a Church-wide group to plan this
  - c. Council to look at options in the July meeting and assigned planning for blood drive to Pastor Lisa to organize and recruit
- 6. Assembly highlights
  - a. Synod "gifts" program evolving into "grow church" program
  - b. Talked about using storytelling to share experiences, such as stories about experiencing the "Kingdom" of God
  - c. Recommended councils establish programs to recognize and thank volunteers; will look at how we can incorporate the recommendations
- 7. Discussed sending out mid-year giving statements; recommended to send in September instead
- 8. Recommendation to move the next meeting
  - a. Deconflict with the picnic
  - b. Movie night scheduled for the next week
  - c. Multiple Council members with other conflicts
  - d. Kylie will coordinate the reschedule and notify Connie so the new date/time can be published
- 9. No other business, meeting adjourned with a prayer

**Next Meeting Scheduled: July TBD**

President ~~Kylie Tom~~ adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm

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