

Lutheran Church of the Cross
Council Minutes
June 15, 2022
6:30 pm

In Attendance: Pastor Lisa, Deacon Janie (via phone), President Cherie Krueger, Connie Werner, Sarah Dahl, Vice President Mike Human, Janice Martin, Treasurer Art Wheeler, Ron Barth, Mike Geiermann, Secretary Kari Harris.

Call to Order

President Cherie Krueger at 6:31

Devotions Pastor Lisa

Approval of May 2022 Minutes motion by Janice, seconded by Sarah, approved

Endowment Committee Ken Will requests actions from the Council:

1. Acceptance of Brian Johnson's resignation and appointment of Alex Spilman to fulfill that term.
2. Approve a one-word addition to Endowment Committee's Operating Policies to insert the word "preferably" into line 3, paragraph pg 4.
3. Approve the unanimous recommendation of the Committee to engage ELCA Ministry Growth Fund as LCC investment manager and transfer all, or most of the Endowment Fund Savings from Starion to this fund.
4. Permission to remove Brian Johnson's and John Behan's name from signature card list, add Alex Spilman and add a second signature requirement to future transactions. Current individuals on signature cards are Kerry Carpenter, Art Wheeler, Ken Will, Brian Johnson and John Behan.
5. Approve the Committee's direct interaction with the ELCA Missionary Growth Fund for timely investment and trade decisions, without each one having to come before the Council.

Motion by Mike H, seconded by Kari, approved

Art will send a written Council resolution to Starion regarding signature cards.

The ELCA Ministry Growth Fund (Pastor Keith Pearson) has no front or rear loading, and had the lowest fixed fees.

Treasurer's Report

Missouri slope: usually we send a donation July 1 and December 1. \$3,500 is budgeted for the year.

Heart River Lutheran donations as of July 1: \$1,050 (total budget of \$2,100)

Report: Mike H moves to approve treasurers report as well as payments to the above semi-annual budgeted charities. Mike G seconds, approved.

Pastor's Report summarized from written and verbal report

Recurring activities have been the Dean's meeting with Bishop, Monthly conference check in, weekly text study, Wired Word Friday Bible study, and visits to those who can't attend. Quilting and Gather bible studies are wrapped up for summer. There were 4 baptisms, one interment, graduate celebrations, the final Wednesday service, VBS, the first outdoor picnic and the start of Wednesday night walking group. Rev Keith Pearson was our guest preacher on May 15th and met with the

Endowment committee. June 3-5 was synod assembly in Minot, along with other voting members Deacon Janie, Tom Harris and Murray Sagsveen. Cherie Krueger led the LCC service and Rev Sondra Krogstad presided over Communion. Art met with them in advance for projection. The Camp of the Cross Board (including Pastor Lisa) is working with National Lutheran Outdoor Ministries to hire an interim Director. Camp is short staffed, and the Board has provided bonuses for the year-round staff due to additional workload. Prairie Lake Festival (and quilt auction) is Saturday June 18th. Live auction begins at 11 AM and will be followed by a Blessing of Pastor Janis upon his leaving to serve St. Paul Lutheran in Garrison. Last Sunday, Pastor preached at Missouri Slope Care Center/ Assisted Living. LCC was invited to participate in Resourceful Servants, offered through ELCA. Pastor and Janie will work on a small team to work on this. Worship and Music: Mark Muire graciously stepped in to cover as Worship and Music Coordinator but is leaving soon. He has planned music through July and the Gilbertson's are available and willing to play much of the summer. The search continues for a new Worship and Music coordinator. Since none of the interested individuals play piano, Pastor is in the process of splitting the job description into 2 parts: Coordinator and Accompanist. In the meantime, Deacon and Pastor are making projection slides, some River team members are willing to select music, and Kerry Carpenter has volunteered to compile the folders and work on audio issues. Pastor met with the Endowment Committee several times regarding the above action items. They are hardworking and faithful and deserve our appreciation. Finally, Pastor is working on obtaining the final information for Camp Counselors and ELCA College Students to send the scholarships to their schools. Thank you all for your leadership in the congregation and service on the Council!

Deacon's Report summarized from written email and verbal report

We hosted Camp of the Cross in worship on Mother's Day, which was also the youth service (church school kids and confirmation students), which went well, but had a low youth participation. In May, we honored our graduates and their families during both Sunday and Wednesday services, and it was very well received. I went to Synod assembly in Minot the beginning of June and then we started Vacation Bible School. We had 18 youth registered and a great time was had by all. We also held our first Wednesday BBQ picnic. Special thank you to all the volunteers who help put on that event. I held a "Theology on Tap" at the Bistro, where adults over 21 gathered to discuss topics like Jesus' humanity and justification of faith through grace. I have a Thrivent member to write a grant for a Basketball hoop (see below in minutes). I had a strategic planning meeting with the education team to evaluate goals and plan for next year. I am working on Church school and confirmation schedules for the 22/23-year, meeting with incoming confirmation students and their families and planning youth events. I was at Camp of the Cross to help with staff training, and I met with my Deacon community and other youth workers to plan and exchange ideas.

Old Business

Outdoor front sitting area – Update from Mike H.

Kurt Degree has agreed to do the outdoor seating area with concrete patio, wooden bench, and some drainage for the \$3600 that has been donated by the Bain family for the project, despite the cost being greater than \$3600. Kari Moves/ Sarah seconds, approved.

Mike will contact Steve Bain regarding an update on the project when he finds out the projected completion date.

Worship & Music Coordinator position Update – Mark's last day is June 22nd. See Pastor's report.

Faith & Care over all Coordinators replacements (Sarah)

All 3 existing coordinators would like to step down from coordinator positions. They meet in the fall to recruit 6 group leaders and co-chairs for service groups. Sarah contacted area churches to see how they organize their special events/service volunteers:

First Lutheran Council assigns groups to serve different dinners.

Faith Lutheran has a volunteer list, with one point/contact person.

Good Shepherd confirmation youth do the Lenten Services. For funerals, they use their Congregational Life Coordinator. Sarah proposes that finding new Faith and Care Coordinators be handled through the Nominating committee. Pastor will submit something for the newsletter.

Re-keying of building - (Mike H)

Electromagnet fob \$16,000 estimate.

Guardian estimate: Keypad \$4,329, fob \$7,435, to re-key: \$434.20

Mike Recommends re-keying should be tabled awaiting a 3rd estimate and consideration of cameras/ if our current system can support additional cameras.

Additional security cameras Additional security cameras are needed on the South side of building at the Merry Go Round Daycare Door and the front entry door (east facing entry). Mike H and Jon Kraft think that the cost of the -cameras would be approximately \$350 per camera for the 2 door entries. A doorbell for the front entry would also be desirable. A cost estimate for 2 security cameras will be obtained from Great Plains and the current monitor will be assessed to see if it can accommodate 2 additional cameras.

Mass email difficulties and concerns

Sarah called Midco and they informed her that we can request for a higher capacity email capability at no additional cost, and Connie requested this. Connie has been able to send emails at once, now, instead of in separate smaller groups. Some members are still reporting emails are going to junk email.

New Business

Endowment Committee Action Items are requested from the Council (see report above from Ken Will).

Basketball hoop

Janie proposes a mobile basketball hoop in back lot near playground. The cost is estimated at \$300 - \$350, with the Thrivent grant, LCC would need to cover the remaining \$50-100.

Per recommendation by Mike G, Art will check on insurance issues, and the proposal will be discussed at a future meeting.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 13th at 6:30 pm, after the Outdoor service – Mike Humann will lead this meeting, due to the absence of President Cherie.

Future Meetings: Wednesday August 10th 6:30/ after outdoor service

Meeting Adjourned