

Lutheran Church of the Cross
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2022

Call to order by President Cherie Krueger at 6:29 PM

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

Devotion by Pastor Lisa

Approval of April Minutes: several corrections/clarifications are noted: **“some”** of the Faith and Care leaders are interested in being replaced (to replace “2”) and Blessing of driver’s licenses should read April 25th instead of May 25th in Deacon Janie’s report. Moved by Mike H, seconded by Jan, approved as amended.

Treasurer’s Report

Art Wheeler submits the treasurer’s report with all bills as of April 30th paid. Cash flow April income is \$36,618 and is \$2696 above operating budget for April and the first 4 months of 2022 is about \$2952 less than the Jan-April income of 2021.

Highlights: Central African Republic collection was \$3540. Snow removal for April was about \$1700, with \$5200 so far for the year (\$1500 is budgeted for the first half of the year and \$1500 for the fall/winter).

Kari moves and Sarah seconds/ approved.

Pastor’s Report

Pastor is wrapping up compiling the Farewell cards for outgoing Worship coordinator, Robin Johnson. Camp of the Cross: Camp Director Janis Sloka is accepting a call in Garrison and resigning from Camp of the Cross. An interim coordinator will be put in place until a permanent Director is installed. 2 Camp Coordinators, along with our own Marin Traynor, led worship on Mother’s Day and the following Wednesday service. The Bible studies “the Wired Word” and “Gather”, as well as the Legacy series continue.

Pastor met with a Worship leader candidate, but the applicant was looking for full time. In the interim, Mark Murie has volunteered to lead The River for the summer, and Jan and Joel will be playing for much of the summer, along with Geri Sarsteen. Pastor, Deacon, and Wednesday leader Joel will set up projection slides.

Pastor, Deacon, Kari, and Art met regarding the money that has been donated towards a family/ congregational coordinator position. More information is being gathered, and then the group will meet again.

Confirmation classes will serve by cleaning up the church grounds on Wednesday, May 18th. Pastor continues with home visits, Synod Lunch and Learn, and officiated the funeral of Al Samuelson. She continues to meet with the Endowment Committee and the Missouri Slope “Love Your Neighbor Campaign”, which has raised >60,000. She will attend Synod Assembly in Minot the first weekend in June.

Pastor will be gone August 21-Sept 10th.

Deacon's Report

This past month, Deacon's activities have/will include the Women's Retreat at Camp of the Cross, Deacon's monthly meeting, Youth led worship services, Graduation service (May 25th). She recommends July 31st for a date for LCC potentially hosting a meal at C of C, as we will have campers there that week. Church School worked on May baskets. Confirmation mentoring meeting will happen in May for 8th graders. She attended the First Call theological conference (ND 101), attended the meeting regarding visioning for the family coordinator, and is compiling a survey of education/church families regarding needs and is gathering information from other congregations regarding job descriptions for this congregational coordinator of volunteers. VBS will occur at LCC and is hosted by UCC June 6-8th with the theme about health: Tree of Healing. Potluck and grilling is set for 5PM, with VBS/full congregational service at 6 PM.

Old business

Outdoor front seating area

Mike H met with Brett Gurholt and Kurt Degree. Mike H will get an estimate for concrete under a bench. The tree that was on church grounds is pine and not fit for long lasting bench, so concrete is recommended. Some plantings are proposed, and a pergola is planned for later.

Worship coordinator

The job is still posted and the candidate that inquired last month wanted full time. See Pastor's report above.

Sidewalk Repair

Mike H consulted with the individuals who met regarding the outdoor seating area and the recommendation was to do nothing at this time regarding sidewalks.

Historic District

Janice Martin and Deb Carpenter attended the community meeting regarding the Highland Acres Historic District designation on April 29th. One of the reasons this designation has been initiated is there were 11 different architects who designed homes and lived in the neighborhood. There were 11 neighborhood objections to inclusion of the designation out of 550 properties, to date. Objections must be submitted in writing by May 15th.

Social Media Guidelines

Tabled until June meeting

Faith And Care Coordinator Replacement (Sarah)

Tabled until June

New Business

Lawn Mowing

Baron Blanchard has graciously agreed to mow the church yard again this summer. Thank you, Baron!

Request to Use church picnic tables by Kylie Blanchard for a graduation celebration at their home.
Approved

Re-Keying of Building

Last year, an effort was made to account for how many church keys are in circulation. As this effort did not yield the result we had hoped. There was discussion was about key vs digital/ Fob / keypad type entry. Janie and Janice will check into different systems used by other churches and businesses for options and some estimates on cost.

Block Party with UCC interest

There is some interest to have another block party with UCC, perhaps on Wednesday August 17th or 24th.

Nominating committee Member recommendations

The Nominating committee currently consists of Pastor Lisa, 3 congregational members and 2 council members and is a non-renewable term. This committee recruits for Missouri Slope, Camp of the Cross delegates, and for the Council for the upcoming year. Murray Sagsveen recommends the Constitution be amended to read “2 year term and may serve for 2 consecutive terms”, to align our practice with the Constitution.

Mass Email difficulties

There has been some on going issues with the process of sending and receiving mass emails, such as the weekly newsletter, to the congregation. Connie reports she has been seeking assistance from providers, such as Midco for a better solution, as she has been limited in the number allowed to be sent at one time.

Next Meetings

Wednesday June 15th 6:30 PM

Wednesday July 13th 6:30 PM/ after outdoor service (to be led by Vice President Mike H)

Wednesday August 10th 6:30/ after outdoor service

Meeting adjourned