

CROSS OF CHRIST CHURCH COUNCIL
Minutes of February 17, 2010 meeting

Attendance:

Officers	P	A	Pastors	P	A	Cabinets	P	A	Cabinets	P	A
Krin Berg (P) / <i>Personnel Cab.</i>	x		Lane Zaffke	x		Sheri Johnson (<i>Finance</i>)	x		Ann Abraham (<i>Personnel</i>)	x	
Garry Edwards (VP)/ <i>Worship Cab.</i>	x		Louise Stromberg	x		Denise Thompson (<i>Youth & Fam</i>)		x	Eileen Hegland (<i>Worship&Music</i>)	x	
Lynn Meyer (S)/ <i>Evangelism Cab.</i>	x					Grant Olson (<i>C of C Building</i>)	x		Jeanne Tippery (<i>Education</i>)	x	
Patrick Forsyth (Fin Admin)						Wayne Olson (<i>St Church Bldg</i>)		x	Shelly Edwards (<i>Stewardship</i>)	x	
Karen Todd (Financial Sec)	x					Justin Zmyewski (<i>C of C Grounds</i>)		x	Barb Muller (<i>W/ELCA</i>)		x

President Krin Berg called the meeting to order at 8:37 pm in the lounge of Cross of Christ. Pastor Lane led us in devotions.

Review of Agenda: President Berg removed “budget” and “survey” from Old Business, and deleted “Phone System Update” from New Business. She then added “Church To Home Phone System” under Open Discussion. The agenda as amended was unanimously approved upon motion by Ann Abraham, seconded by Garry Edwards.

REPORTS:

Pastor Lane’s Report: – 4 Hospital visits 2 with communion, 3 home visits 1 with communion 1 Executive Cabinet; 2 Property Cabinet(1 with Dave Olson); WELCA January meeting; 1 Lutheran campus ministry Meeting; 1 VVNH Service, communion at VVManor; Bible study at VVNH; funeral for Mildred Gaustad; 2 text studies; various survey meetings; CofC annual meeting; Confirmation, Habitat for Humanity House dedication. Pastor Lane has been named Dean of the Root River Conference.

Pastor Louise’s Report: **January 2010:**

Visits: Hospital – 3

Home – 16 (7 with communion for 13) Phone - 4

Office Visits: 2 Pre-marital: 1 Angela Rohweder & Joel Wagner

Events & Activities: VVHC Communion VVHC Prayer Group – 1 session VVHC Bible Study

WELCA Mtg. Christmas Tree Un-decorating

C of C: Council Mtg. Executive Cabinet Staff Support Mtg. Hymn Selection Mtg.

Contemporary Rehearsal Mtgs. On Survey: 2 – Preparation sessions – 2

Education Cabinet Mtg. Banner prep for Anniversary Banners

Community: Cancer Auction & Cancer Breakfast - Cancer Benefit Immanuel Lutheran, Caledonia

HHS Band Fundraiser Dedication of Habitat for Humanity House

Synod: Conference Mtg. Text Study: 2

Preach: 1/2, 1/3, 1/16, 1/17, 1/31

Vacation Days: 0 Holiday: 1 Days Off: Sick Day: 1 Personal Days: 0

The Secretary’s Report (minutes) of the January 13, 2010 Council meeting were unanimously ratified upon motion by Pastor Lane, seconded by Barb Muller. Lisa Skifton was thanked for doing these minutes in Lynn Meyer’s absence.

Financial Administrator's Report showed a 34.5 percent improvement in net income when comparing January 2010 to January 2009. However, this net income was still a negative \$5,400 when compared to expenses for the month. It was agreed appropriate to have expense information reported to Members along with the attendance and giving information beginning in March. Karen Todd and Patrick Forsyth will work together to develop an appropriate monthly reporting system in this regard. The pastors' decrease in salaries will be reflected in next month's financial statements. The financial administrator's report was unanimously accepted as presented upon motion by Garry Edwards, seconded by Denise Thompson. Patrick Forsyth is thanked for his services.

Financial Secretary's Report: Karen Todd presented the Financial Secretary's report reflecting \$15,158 in offerings and other income for January. The Financial Secretary's report was unanimously accepted as presented upon motion by Lynn Meyer, seconded by Garry Edwards.

CABINET REPORTS:

Education Cabinet: January 26, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Pastor Louise opened with prayer at 7:50. Present were Pastor Louise & Jeanne Tippery.

Update on SS: Shelly was unable to attend but left information on the carnival (see below). SS materials were ordered for rest of year. We need someone to replace Shelly as SS Superintendent as she is now on council. Shelly will work with them through this SS term.

Carnival Planning: The carnival is set for February 28th. Karen Todd has made posters and post cards to be mailed to the families. Youth & Family cabinet has provided funding for prizes, etc. of \$100. Elsie Olson will organize cup cakes for cake walk (5 doz). Pastor Louise will ask Lynn Halverson if she will be in charge of the lunch. Shelly & Garth are donating helium balloons. Aaron Hunt has volunteered to do face painting; Erin Edwards is also willing to help. The SS teachers will each do games, etc. Pastor Louise had a matching game from Augsburg Fortress that is on the VBS theme. Jeanne will get Lizzy to do it at the Carnival. Plans are coming together.

Good Earth Village: Early registration date is April 1st. Pastor Louise asks that SS teachers please pass out information forms and excite students about Bible Camp. The Parish Visitor also has an invite to parents, etc.

Vacation Bible School: VBS was scheduled for August 1-5 in the evening. Time was discussed. Would like to return to 6:00 – 8:30 at least for K-6 Pastor Louise suggested that we might present the story to the entire group following the opening so a longer time would be available. The story station would then adapt activities to age appropriate levels during the rotations. Sample kit has been ordered in order to receive a discount of 20%. Jeanne will call the school and get our VBS on the calendar so they hopefully won't schedule against it. Jeanne will ask Mary Jore if she would be the director. Meeting was adjourned.

Jeanne emphasized the need to fill the Sunday School Superintendent position for next year.

Evangelism Cabinet Report: The Evangelism Cabinet has been involved with the completion of the church-wide survey. The surveys were made available for Cross of Christ Members on January 31st and again on February 7th after worship services. Approximately 380 surveys were picked up by Members. An additional 320 surveys have been mailed to Members. The surveys are now being completed and are to be mailed directly to our consultant by February 28th. The consultant will compile the survey data results which will then be delivered to the Executive Board. Ultimately the Council will receive the survey results in order to build their 2010 goals according to the survey results.

The Evangelism Cabinet supports the concept of communicating to all Cross of Christ Members regarding what it means to be a Member. Future membership rosters would thereafter be developed based on the Cross of Christ Constitution and Bylaws which describe a voting member as a confirmed member who, during the current or preceding calendar year has communed in this congregation and has made a contribution of record to the congregation. This matter will be discussed by the Council at their upcoming meeting.

Twelve personal notes were sent to visitors who worshipped with us during late November and early December.

Finance Cabinet: Sheri Johnson reported the Cross of Christ financial books were audited by Dave Amundson and Jerry Knudsen who indicated all seemed to be in order.

Personnel Cabinet: Ann Abraham reported the staff support committee meeting had been postponed due to inclement weather and will be rescheduled. Pastor Louise's partial knee replacement surgery went well today and she's expected to be out of work for four more weeks for recuperation and rehab.

Property Cabinet: Grant Olson indicated Torgerson's of Caledonia has been chosen as the contractor to install new carpet in the Fellowship Hall and Library. The project should be scheduled by the end of March. Grant also reported on a leakage issue caused by ice build up and indicated he and Wayne Olson have been working to repair the problem.

Stewardship & Mission: No report. The Council welcomed Shelly Edwards into this position on the Council.

Worship & Music: No report. The Council welcomed Eileen Hegland into this position on the Council.

Youth and Family: Denise Thompson reported 16 C of C youth had recently attended Quake Life which was a very positive experience for the youth and parents who attended.

WELCA Report by Barb Muller:

Jan. 22nd – Handbooks were assembled.

Jan. 29th – WELCA meeting was held with voting completed on WELCA Constitution.

Feb. 8th & 9th – Do Days: Quilts completed: 6 Seniors, 4 Ronald McDonald & 11 mission.

Coming up:

Feb. 20th – Valentine Brunch

March 5th – World Day of Prayer at Money Creek Methodist Church

March 8th & 9th – Do Days

50th Anniversary Committee: No meeting this month.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

Letter to All Members: Lynn Meyer reported on behalf of the Executive Board upon their recommendation to send a letter to all members (active, inactive and associate) explaining the requirements of membership and informing them they are all considered active members at this time – but that from this date forward their membership status will be based on their participation in worship, communion and donations in accordance with our constitution. Lynn read a letter drafted by the Executive Board and made a motion to approve the sending of this letter to all members of record. The motion was seconded by Denise Thompson and unanimously approved. The letter will be send in the near future.

2 Council members to the Nominating Committee: President Krin Abraham-Berg explained the need to have two members of the Church Council whose term expires at the end of this year serve on the Nominating Committee for next year. Ann Abraham and Garry Edwards volunteered. Krin Berg moved nominations cease and Denise Thompson seconded that motion. All were in favor of having Ann and Garry on next year's Nominating Committee along with Inez Abraham, Sue Ferries, Kate Johnson and Gary Wilson who volunteered to be on this committee during the January 24, 2010 Annual Meeting.

One Delegate to the Synod Assembly: Pastor Lane and Krin Berg explained the need to have a second delegate designated to attend Synod Assembly along with President Krin Berg. Several Council members felt it would be good to have a youth representative and the names of Haley Krenzke and Allison Halvorson surfaced as possibilities. This item was tabled until our March meeting.

March Council Meeting Date: Garry Edwards made a motion to have a special Council meeting on Sunday, March 21st, if the results of the survey are available from our consultant by then. The motion was seconded by Denise Thompson and unanimously approved. The format for that day will be for the various Cabinet heads to meet with their committees during a working lunch to develop goals based on survey results. The regular March Council meeting will be held following the goal-setting session. If survey results are not yet available by March 21st, only the Council will meet on that date. There will not be a Council meeting on March 17th. Rather, the Executive Board will meet then to receive the results of the survey, if available.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Setting Cabinet Committees: After discussion regarding the need for cabinets to develop goals based on the results of the church-wide survey, it was agreed that after worship services on Sunday March 7th, Council Cabinet leaders will solicit members for their cabinet committees. Committee members will be invited to participate in the March 21st goal-setting session.

Church To Home Phone System: Pastor Lane explained that Ace indicates our Church to Home phone system which has not been working very well is outdated and cannot be updated. Ace is researching new technology and costs. Lane will report on this when he receives more data.

CALENDAR:

Feb 18	5 th Grade Communion Class		Mar 8-9	Do Days	
Feb 20	Valentine Brunch	10 am	Mar 10	Lenten Service	7:30 pm
Feb 24	Lenten Service	7:30 pm	Mar 11	Pre-School Screening	
Feb 25	5 th Grade Communion Class		Mar 17	WIC	
Feb 26	Office Closed		Mar 17	Lenten Service	7:30 pm
Feb 28	Sunday School Carnival		Mar 17	Executive Board	8:30 pm
Mar 3	Lenten Service	7:30 pm	Mar 24	Lenten Service	7:30 pm
Mar 6	Festival of Owls Pancake Brkfst	8-11 am			

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm upon motion by Garry Edwards, duly seconded by Ann Abraham.

President Krin Berg led us in the benediction.

Submitted respectfully,

Lynn Meyer - Secretary