

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Minutes - Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Elaine Newman, Dee Ann Daniels, Dan Macaluso, Jan Miller, Nadine Owens, Amy Russell, Mona Swinehart, Katie Taylor, Pastor Sharon. Peter Kane (via Zoom)

1. Devotions- Led by Dan Macaluso
2. Book study – “Becoming a Hybrid Church” Chapter 1.
3. Reports

a. Secretary's report – Katie made a motion to approve, Dan 2nd.

Approved

b. Treasurer's report – PPP loan transaction is completed. The Federal Government has reimbursed Star Financial. Finances for October are up by about \$30,000. Mortgage is currently \$74,000 at a payment of \$3,000/month. Dan made a motion to approve, Nadine 2nd.
Approved

c. Pastor's report. Accepted.

d. Other Officer/Committee Liaison reports

Dee Ann – Reported on a conversation with Josh Tatum, (a Synod Attorney). Included were Dee Ann Daniel, Elaine Newman, Lenore Kane and Pastor Sharon. Tatum counselled CLC to negotiate with Angie Kinch as trustee of the Wilson Fund and continue to attempt to deal with her. Leona Wilson's will was not recorded, so Dee Ann is unable to obtain a copy of the will. Tatum is concerned that Angie is only trustee.

Dee Ann sent an email heads up to Angie about 3 proposals to be brought before the Council, as follows:

Note: The Wilson Fund is in a trust. The Trustee (Angie Kinch) controls the funds. The CLC Constitution specifies that the council may enter into **contracts** of up to \$6,000 for items not included in the budget. The following are requests for funds, not contracts.

1. Proposal for Music at Christ series to fund outside concerts
Amount requested is \$14,055. Jan Miller made a motion to send request to trustee. Nadine, 2nd Approved
2. Proposal for use of Wilson fund for handicapped access.
 - a) Mawr Design, Inc. (an architectural firm in Kokomo) will provide *conception plans* based on clients' requirements for a fee of \$6,200. Dee Ann recommends that this proposal be tabled. She would like to see a committee formed of people who understand the difficulties a handicapped person has to get in and out of the building. Dan made a motion to table the proposal for the architect. Nadine 2nd Passed with one nay.
 - b) Peter is concerned that Mawr has had some contact with members of CLC but has not had any response to their suggestions. Mona made a motion that the council secretary write a letter to Mawr telling of our process. Katie 2nd. Approved.
 - c) Dee Ann made a motion to have a committee appointed of members with some experience in handicapped accessibility issues. Their mission would be to obtain at least one more architect/contractor quote on conception design/plans. There are no firm plans currently, only some vague ideas. The

appointed committee should have a clear, firm idea of what is needed in order to communicate with any architect. Katie moved to 2nd. Approved with one nay vote. Committee appointed by President Elaine. Jan Harmeyer, Jan Miller, Nadine Owens, Herb Stahlke, Janice Bergman

3. Proposal for solar panels. Katie Taylor made a motion to present solar panel proposal as written. Mona 2nd. Show of hands for vote. 5 approved. 4 opposed.

4. Old Business:

a. Bishop's list

The IN-KY Synod, ELCA will elect or re-elect for the Office of Synod Bishop in June 2022. A survey is being conducted as the beginning of discernment for this election. Each congregation is to submit a list of gifts and priorities to be dealt with by the bishop. The questions and answers are as follows (a copy of the document submitted will be attached to the end of these minutes)

Please list the top three “gifts deemed important of the holder of the Office of Bishop”:

Compassion, patience

Intelligence, actively deep listening

Spirituality

Please list the top three “matters of priority to be dealt with by the bishop during the bishop’s upcoming term of office”:

Visiting the churches/parishes

Help with adaptive leadership

Focus on growing membership rolls

- b. The question of where all insurance policies are located was answered by George Wolf. All policies are now in the office.
- c. A decision was made during the October Council meeting to cut back on the janitorial service as a cost cutting measure. Concern has been raised that some items like toilet paper are not being restocked. Rick Spotts has agreed to come in every other Friday at 6pm to empty wastebaskets, clean toilets and resupply. Charge will be \$15.00 hourly

5. New Business:

- a. Motion to elect Financial Secretary – Katie made a motion to elect Bob Howell as Financial Secretary for 2022, Mona 2nd. Approved.
- b. Motion to elect Treasurer – Katie made a motion to elect Peter Kane as Treasurer for 2022. Mona 2nd. Approved.
- c. Motion to elect Synod Assembly delegates. The decision was made to table this action until May.
- d. Administrative reconciliation to the rolls – Mona made a motion to send letters to each person explaining why they were removed from the rolls and how to be re-instated. Dan 2nd. Approved
- e. Amendment to Constitution – Amend the constitution to make a percentage instead of a specific amount. The Constitution currently allows the council to enter into contracts up to \$6,000. Dan made a motion to amend the Constitution to say 6% of the budget. Katie 2nd. Approved. This proposed amendment will be presented to the congregation at the next annual meeting. (Or a specially called congregation meeting.) Another possible amendment to the bylaws

discussed was the change of annual meeting to a Sunday in December. Tabled for further research.

f. Resume counting at church – Elaine will send out a counters' schedule.

Adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Next meeting will be December 21, 2001

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Russell, CLC Council Secretary

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