

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council minutes

Tuesday, August 17, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Present – Elaine Newman, Dee Ann Daniels, Dan Macaluso, Jan Miller, Amy Russell, Mona Swinehart, Katie Taylor, Peter Kane, Pastor Walker

1. Devotions- Pastor Sharon

2. Sharing of highs and lows

3. Book study – “the Post Quarantine Church” concluding thoughts

4. Reports

a. Secretary’s report - Katie moved to accept, Dan 2nd. Passed.

b. Treasurer’s report- Peter recommended Council provide for a backup for Bob Howell for times he goes on vacation. Altar flower fund has been depleted. Peter also recommends we use the Wilson fund to pay off the mortgage, then repay the Wilson fund. Dee Ann moved to accept, Katie 2nd. Passed

c. Pastor’s report - accepted

d. Other Officer/Committee Liaison reports –

Dan – Property Committee. Time was spent assisting H-IPL. Insulation of ceiling, furnace and air conditioning areas. Audit is expected. Documentation has been made of all furnaces and air conditioners (model numbers, etc.)

Dan – Parking lot sale. Request from Nancy M. to hold the sale in the Fellowship Hall (request attached). Set up will be the Friday previous to the Saturday sale. The restroom hallway will be blocked to

limit un-necessary traffic by buyers. There will be an option of set up outside on the parking lot. Advertise on the electronic sign. Motion – Council to give permission to have the parking lot sale in Fellowship Hall and set up the tables on Friday for the Saturday sale. Amy made the motion, Dee Ann, 2nd. Passed.

Dee Ann – Learning committee. Council members to bring markers and other Sunday School classroom supplies. Container will be left in the Sunday School room.

Pastor Sharon – Rudy – Sept 12 is Stewardship Sunday. Collection of pledge cards. Gordon, Ted, Mona, Dan to make Aug 29, Sept 5, Sept 12. Rudy will meet with the Stewardship team and they will decide who talks when. Dee Ann will send a letter to committees to get in their reports for the annual meeting.

Amy – Vestibule rug would be expensive to repair. The rug was installed under the tile. The tile will be broken to remove the rug. Cost will be about \$2,500. Decision was to leave it alone and watch for anyone having difficulties.

Elaine – New blinds, curtains to be installed in Fellowship Hall by Kokomo Blinds and Shades (a division of Kokomo Glass Shop, Inc.). Installation will be Aug 18. Cost is \$2,630.00, to be paid the Memorial Committee.

5. Old Business:

a. CLC Insurance – George has insurance policies for CLC at home. Dan will ask for the policies and give to Tom for filing in the church office. Peter – have now changed how we pay Mennonite Mutual for insurance. An automatic withdraw of \$320/month has been arranged.

b. No change from AT&T to Comcast – Tom decided to remain with AT&T. Comcast does not have business lines in this area. Service appears to be better.

c. Pictorial Directory? Some have asked what has happened to it. Tom, Peter and Pastor to look for the old files.

d. Jan M. If we can spend money on an energy project, shouldn't we hire someone to help with the outside maintenance? Dan proposed that we bid out major projects. Dan and George will put in the budget for hiring maintenance help. George may have the contacts for special projects. Any member of the congregation is encouraged to give referrals to Council members for handymen.

6. New Business:

a. Dee Ann – Wilson committee. Peter explained recommendation proposal for use of Wilson Fund – Mortgage Elimination. (Proposal attached, with correction.) Current mortgage is \$81,000. (By the time money is allocated, the amount will be between \$78,000 and \$79,000.) Payback will be \$3,000 per month to Wilson Fund. Will take approximately 19 months to repay the Wilson Fund. Recommended cashing in 3 CD's with a combined value of \$24,000. Remaining owed to Wilson Fund would be about \$57,000. Propose the council vote in favor of contacting Wilson family for approval for pay off of mortgage. Katie made the motion, Mona 2nd. Passed. Dee Ann will send the proposal to Angie Kinch ASAP.

b. New protocols for CLC – Covid. The Executive committee** met Tues, August 10. The rate of infection is increasing in Howard County. The decision was made to offer only bread for communion. This will limit the amount of moving around. The committee also agreed to recommend (NOT require) masks and social distancing. Masks are

especially recommended during singing. These measures are recommended (NOT required) in order to lessen the potential for spreading germs to those who are especially vulnerable.

c. Mona – League of Women Voters, meeting in our Fellowship Hall, have asked what foods are appropriate for meetings. Finger foods were recommended. No cooking.

Next meeting – September 21, 2021, 7:00p.m. –

Devotions -Jan

Close with Lord's Prayer

** The Executive Committee consists of the Council President (Elaine Newman), Vice President (Dee Ann Daniels), Secretary (Amy Russell), Tom Dearchs and Pastor Sharon.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Russell, Council Secretary