

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting**  
**Monday, October 6, 2014**  
**7:00 PM**

Present: Heather Heckel, Glen Kellogg, Faith Hobson, Gerald Ransone, Stephanie Feaser, Jim Ingraham, Ernie Foltz, Shannon Fleming

Absent: Ferrell Newman, Bruce Matson

Excused: Tinky Keen, Chad Foltz

Guests: Jim Schnellenberger, Patty Franz, Pastor David (from Renovacion Apostolica), Forrest Feaser, Judy Garnett

Meeting called to order 7:05 pm

1) Devotions - Jim Ingraham

2) Guest Speakers

a) Forrest Feaser, Eagle Scout Project;

i) Build up the exterior area bordered by the kitchen and central class room to include mulching, a retaining wall, benches on patio blocks, and flower boxes and evergreens (for the kids to decorate at Christmas).

ii) Gerald Ransone asked about raking leaves with lots of mulch around? Not as much of an issue as other parts of the church.

iii) The planters would be left alone for the kids of the YMCA and Sunday School, etc to plant what they want.

iv) Funding would be raised by Forrest from the troop, friends and family, as well as some from the congregation. Estimate \$600. We can put an announcement in the bulletin.

v) Anticipate completion by late fall to winter (November).

vi) Unless there are major changes, Forrest can work with the men's group for finer details.

vii) Ernie Foltz: Motion to approve the project, as well as raise funds with the congregation. Passed unanimously. Copies available from Forrest or Stephanie.

b) Pastor David, Church Use Request for Renovacion Apostolica

i) New congregation, within a year membership has grown a lot, they are an Apostolic, Hispanic, services in Spanish

ii) 3 churches, Harrisonburg, Charlottesville, and Richmond; they've outgrown their previous church home.

iii) Members focused on education, and start their own businesses

iv) Sunday, starting around 2:30-4:30,

v) Thursday for bible study (7:30-9:00), adults, and a kids' session

- vi) Monthly communion; with disposable materials;
- vii) ~40 people
- viii) Would be willing to help with maintenance, HVAC, and any other skills that they might have to share.
- ix) Have 3 teachers for kids on Sunday afternoon
- x) Have keyboards, speaker systems
- xi) Storage space wouldn't be needed.
- xii) Duration...yearly assessment of agreement? Would like to start by end of October.

### 3) Welcome New Council Members

- a) Jim Schnellenberger, Judy Garnett, Patty Franz has volunteered to be on council (wasn't on the initial roster of members). Jim Pickels and Allie Dry not present. Joe Barnes might be a potential council members.

### 4) Approve September's Minutes; one changed noted regarding salary for nursery worker to \$2500 maximum, to be paid weekly. Approved with changes; and Congregational Meeting Minutes; Approved without further changes

### 5) Pastor's Report

- a) Approved membership of Danny Baisden
- b) Discipleship opportunities, K-2 Sunday School teacher, and helpers, Older Youth (Ernie, Jane) willing to support but leaders are needed. Christmas Pageant, program selected, need a leader. 9 participants in ACTS class.
- c) Men's group is group is going strong
- d) Budget formation: Is there a way of looking at budget development differently?
- e) Village Nights
- f) Need to set up congregational meeting to approve the budget, in November or December. Question as to when the pledges are all in. Typically there is a lag between pledge Sunday and the final pledges coming in. But we want to get away from tying budget to pledges. Congregational meeting; 11/16/2014, held after 2<sup>nd</sup> service. Motion made, approved, aye: 7 abstain:2, motion passed. Will present budget and nominate 2 council members.
- g) Annual Congregational meeting in January
- h) Internship; Question brought up at a cottage meeting: Teaching site for a seminarian (3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year) to do their practical work. Energetic, willing worker for one year, with the possibility of a 2<sup>nd</sup> intern the following year. Interns do not lead programs within the church, but support current ministries with presence and

knowledge. Congregation would commit (through budget process) to the internship program in January, to start in September. Discussions involving the pros and cons of bringing in an intern ensued. Council concluded we would not enter the program at this time. Pastor Eric would hope that we could consider using the Boldin funds for something along these lines in the future—to go to people and ministry, as that was the intent of the funds.

## 6) Ministry Team Reports

- a) Stewardship: Jim Ingraham presented an update report
  - i) Letter going to all members of congregation giving campaign details—like a FAQ
  - ii) Bullets in the bulletin—how your contribution works for the community
  - iii) Team meeting tomorrow night to finalize the “commitment cubes”
  - iv) Cubes will contain a “book of glad” detailing some of the activities that go on at CLC
  - v) Vision commitment (not pledge) card to be filled out, cards also available in the commons area
  - vi) 10 teams divided by zip code, each team has a leader that shepherds the cube amongst the group
  - vii) Everything back by 11/2/2014
  - viii) The campaign will be continuing, we will keep this going
- b) Evangelism committee—
  - i) a few tickets left for Swift Creek Mill play
  - ii) Marc Belcastro will be starting on umbrella idea
  - iii) Susan Tripp will help make a new visitor’s table
  - iv) Sarah Vaughan will also be putting out new materials
- c) Vision team
  - i) 2 more cottage meetings will happen
  - ii) Should have one at church during the day
  - iii) Presentation yesterday
  - iv) Jim Schnellengerger volunteered for the committee

## 7) Treasurer’s Report

- a) ☺ (Happy face icon).
- b) Gerald asked why benevolence increase was not on the budget sheet
- c) Because this is the **budget report**, the benevolence increase is an off-budget amount. The amounts will be in the Annual Report.
- d) \$11,000 income on 9/28? Not explained could be pledge catch up or pledging

ahead.

8) Old Business

- a) Budget Group Report—Covered already
- b) Nursery worker: Pastor Eric checked with YMCA, they do have someone who is potentially interested in working (already have background check), networking the fact that CLC is looking for a nursery worker.

9) New Business

a) Discuss Church Use Request

i) Generally favorable,

(1) Do we put agreement in writing?

(2) Expectations spelled out?

(a) Clean up rooms used

(b) Empty trash, sweep floors?

(c) Charge fees, or donations? (Implications for county/real estate tax exempt status?)

(d) What rooms in CLC can be used

(e) Liabilities/Insurance issues?

(f) Contact person for schedule/changes?

(g) Who opens and closes the building?

(h) Stipulations for early termination?

(3) Paul will check into these questions with insurance

(4) Jim Schnellenberger will draft a document

- b) Church janitorial service (Gerald Ransone). Richard and Rachel Tripp have volunteered to keep the church clean for the same fees as the Tepp family charged. Specified cleaning scheduled. This is considerably less than the outside quotes they got. They would clean Friday evenings, depending on what was happening in the church. Motion made, approved unanimously.

c) Handicapped restrooms be changed to family/unisex/with changing room

10) Council Officers for 2015—submit names; continuing council members: Gerald

Ransone, Glen Kellogg, Jim Ingraham, Faith Hobson, Shannon Fleming, Jim Schnellengerger, Allie Dry, Patty Franz, Judy Garnett, Jim Pickels,

11) Next Meeting: November 10

12) Remarks for the Good of the Church/Closing

13) Adjourned 9:15 pm