MOUNT CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 20, 2021, 7:00 PM

2021 Elected Church Council Members: Craig Blois, Barbara Cranfill, Kevin Churchill, Kristine Dawson, Brian Fisher, Herb Holler, Allison Johnson, John Marroquin, Susan Prosser, Rebecca Riley, Keith Selbrede, Bill Stoll, Evonne Kuchera

Representatives: Wendy McClary- Child Development Center

Tiana Stouch and Collin Edwards - Youth Group

<u>Light of Christ & Call to order</u>: The meeting was held virtually utilizing Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Rebecca Riley

<u>Council Members Present:</u> Craig Blois, Barbara Cranfill, Kristine Dawson, Herb Holler, Allison Johnson, Susan Prosser, Rebecca Riley, Keith Selbrede, Bill Stoll, Evonne Kuchera and Kevin Churchill.

Representatives Present: Not Present - Child Development Center

Not Present - Youth Group

<u>Staff Members</u> Present: Pastor Julie Morris and Joe Zimmerly

Determination of Quorum- Six council members plus the Pastor

(C12.06) majority of members of the council-majority is defined as one over one-half)

Number of council members' present 12 of 13 Number of voting representatives present 1

<u>Approval of Minutes for June 15, 2021:</u> Motion to approve the minutes by Barbara Cranfill and second Bill Stoll. The minutes were approved.

<u>Devotion:</u> Barbara Cranfill gave a presentation on "Giving the best of your time" and the "Power of words."

Rick Mann the Mount Cross Property Manager presented a proposal from Verizon Wireless.

The Verizon Wireless Company approached Mount Cross with a proposal to erect a tower used for cellular communication on Mount Cross property. They proposed a twenty-five year lease arrangement with a payment from Verizon of \$18,000 a year. Verizon would design a Bell Tower façade (with Mount Cross approval) and build the tower. If approved the City of Camarillo will contact our neighbors on the project.

Some questions raised by the council were;
Will the rent increase over this long period of time to match inflation? Will we lose Tax exempt status? Rick will contact other churches where similar towers have been built to get information on their experience.

Leadership Retreat Followup

- Pastor Julie emailed her detailed notes from the retreat
- The Mount Cross Web Site was discussed at the Leadership Retreat. Many errors were found in the Website. Jim Prosser will work with the assistance of Kevin Churchill, Bill Stoll, Kristine Dawson and Allison Johnson to review the web site and propose needed changes.

Staff Reports

Pastor Julie

- This Sunday, July 25th, will be Vicar Amanda's last official Sunday at Mount Cross as an intern. Vicar Amanda's association with Mount Cross will be celebrated on that day.
- There is a lot of confusion with how the pandemic is affecting our church service regarding wearing of masks etc.
- Pastor Julie is looking forward to the ability to visit those in need at their homes.

Joe Zimmerly Filed a written report

- Joe related how great the summer camp trip was for our youth. He thanked the congregation for their spiritual and financial support.
- After approval of an updated job description from the personnel committee, we will be seeking a children and youth assistant to help with middle school and high school

Carol Browning, Interim Music Director, filed a written report

Vicar Amanda Berg Not present

Cathy Channels Recognition

 Cathy & Glenn Channels recognition Sunday will be on Sunday, August 15th and will be held after the church service. Kristine Dawson, Evonne Kuchera, Barbara Cranfill and Rebecca Riley volunteered to plan the event.

Keith Selbrede Treasurers Report

Budget Performance (through June 2021):

Gross income for June was 98% of budget versus 82% last month. YTD gross income was 98.6% of budget versus 99% last month Pledge giving for June was 116% of budget versus 77% last month. Pledge giving YTD was 104% of budget versus 102% last month Expenses for May were 80% of budget versus 97% last month Expenses YTD were 89% of budget versus 90% last month. Calculated reserves were \$176,870 compared to \$172,170 in May.

Susan Prosser requested that Legacy Giving review the list of memorials for possible use by the council. Brian Fisher agreed and requested that the Treasurer provide a list of moneys and their prescribed use

Committee Liaisons:

Fellowship - Susan Prosser

 Annual Church Picnic – Will be at Bob Killdee Park on Sept 12th 8 am to 12 Noon

Evonne Kuchera for Care Team

- Reminding members that a Disaster Kit is in the church, It is in a large white bucket
- The Care Team is growing and flourishing.
- Volunteer recognition lunch last Sunday
- Written Survey planned to go out regarding needs covering all age groups
- August 22, Health and Healing Service

Bill Stoll for Peace and Justice and Service & Missions

 The group is studying the book "Just Mercy". Bill highly recommends for everyone to read this book – a very good read and fairlyshort

CDC Update—Becky Riley read the e-mailed report from Wendy McClary

"At our July 6th meeting we had our new board members present in addition to Cathy Channels, Pastor Julie, our new Director, Amy Vega and returning members.

Our finances are positive and we have 66 students registered for fall with more potential applicants pending.

New board positions were approved: Lisa Saner - President

Patti Stouch - VP Rachel Porter - Secretary Kelli Hernandez - Treasurer Wendy McClary - Liason

Pastor Julie, Amy Vega, non-voting - Joe Zimmerly

Kate LaCalamita and Kim Anthony, voting members

Goals for the coming year...meeting agenda protocols, meeting norms, collaborate with church for upcoming school activities. Two board members will work on updating our employee handbooks."

Following her report, a discussion ensued regarding the issue of the church and CDC using separate employee payroll records and employee handbooks while we are using the same tax ID A committee consisting of Kevin Churchill, Craig Blois and Kristine Dawson was formed to look into this matter.

Technical Committee

- The committee will have a meeting to discuss technical requirements to continue live viewing
- Considering a drive-through Tri-Tip dinner as a fund-raiser

Welcome Team—Kris Dawson

Planning a meeting soon to come up with a plan for future welcome projects

Stewardship—Barbara Cranfill

 Planning to get the committee together in August to kick around ideas for the coming year.

Worship & Music—Allison Johnson—haven't met recently

Pastor Julie reported that the chair, Randy Churchill, has been keeping in touch with her and leaving the ball in her court during COVID. It is time to revitalize and the committee needs more people.

Vicar Amanda's last council meeting: In Vicar Amanda's absence the special church service events and activities afterward were discussed.

Make It Bake It - Committee

Things are too uncertain and there is insufficient time to hold Make it Bake it this year. The committee will meet to pick a date and start planning for next year's event. A report to will be given at the next council meeting.

Information: Re-opening committee update

 The church is fully open starting this Sunday. Masks are required inside the church as we sing. Masks optional outside. The choir will not be available until at least the fall season.

Information: After a brief discussion, the August Council meeting will remain on Zoom next month.

Information: Vacation Bible School

■ The VBS is scheduled for August 2nd to the 6th. 9 am to12 pm. Volunteers are requested for events and support.

Miscellaneous Business

- A motion was made by Kevin Churchill to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM., seconded by Susan Prosser. The motion passed
- Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:50 PM.

Looking ahead:

Next Executive Committee meeting: August 5, 2021 7:00 p.m. Next Council Meeting: August 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Ongoing Action/Discussion Items

Task	Committee and Liaison	Follow up and/or Outcome
Review Membership Roster	Committee Pastor Julie	
Work out the process for annual reviews and perform the reviews	Executive Committee, Personnel Committee, Pastor Julie & Becky Riley	

Light on the cross/tree trimming	Property Committee?	
Church Pamphlet	Welcome Team	
Monthly review of the Church Calendar	Executive Committee	
Website Update	Tech Committee	

2021 Church Council Members: Craig Blois*(Past President, Learning), Kevin Churchill (Tech Committee), Barbara Cranfill (Stewardship Team), Kristine Dawson (Welcome Team), Brian Fisher* (Vice-President, Endowment), Herb Holler* (Secretary, Budget & Finance), Allison Johnson (Worship & Music), Evonne Kuchera (Care Team), John Marroquin (Property) Susan Prosser (Fellowship), Becky Riley* (President, Personnel), Keith Selbrede* (Treasurer, Budget & finance), Bill Stoll (Service& Missions, Peace & Justice Team), *Executive Committee*

Wendy McClary (CDC Rep) Julie Morris (Pastor)

	Committee	Meeting Time	Chairperson	Council Liaison
1.	Adult Education	To be re-established in the future		
2.	Budget & Finance	As needed	Keith Selbrede	
3.	Care Team	2 nd Thursday @ 10 am	Susan Prosser	Evonne Kuchera
4.	Child Development Center	1 st Tuesday at 6PM	Cathy Channels	Wendy McClary
6.	Endowment	No fixed time	Lisa Higginbotham	Brian Fisher
7	Fellowship	3rd Thursday 7:00	Valerie Patscheck	Susan Prosser
8.	Learning	1st Monday 7:00	Tracy Blois	Craig Blois
9.	Make Bake Celebrate (MBC)		Patti Stouch	Brian Fisher and Craig Blois
10.	Nominating Committee	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined
11.	Personnel	As needed	Jim Prosser	Becky Riley
12.	Property	Last Tuesday 7:00	Rick Mann	John Marroquin
13.	Service & Missions	1st Monday 6:30	Gordon Henry	Bill Stoll
14.	Stewardship	No fixed time	Susan Prosser	Barbara Cranfill

15.	Worship & Music	Tuesday 9:00 a.m. (every other month)	Randy Churchill	Allison Johnson
16.	Tech Committee	TBD	Gil Valencia	Kevin Churchill
17.	Welcome Committee			Kris Dawson
18.	Audit	TBD	TBD	TBD

* DEVOTIONS			
FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
Bill Stoll	Becky	Kevin	Evonne
JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Susan	Barbara	Becky	
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY 2021
Craig			
** COUNCIL LISTENING POST (1st Sunday of the Month (unless otherwise			
indicated), on the patio, between services)			
FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
	Keith		
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OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY 2021