

# Council Minutes 2/20/2024 - Approved

## 3/19/2024

**Ho Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**Present: In Person** Pastor Tor Berg, Ho Brown, Kendahl Adjorlolo, Jess Faubion, Sandy Flying Cloud, Jean Peterson, Gary Curtis, Christy Freriks, Kristi Pyne. **Via Zoom** Dave Shogren, David Berg, Emily Curcio, Jacky Schnarre.

**Absent:** Joyce Thode

**Quorum was met.**

### **Devotions:**

Pastor Berg read a devotion from Luke 24 – The Road to Emmaus, and discussed “being present”, followed by prayer.

**Christy Freriks moved to approve the agenda. Gary Curtis seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Gary Curtis moved to approve the 1/16/24 minutes as written. Jess Faubion seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Kristi Pyne moved to approve the 1/28/24 minutes as written. Christy Freriks seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **Pastor’s Report:**

Pastor Berg’s report had been distributed to all Council members. He commented that there were “lots of meetings” in January and February and highlighted his attendance at a preaching class. The question was asked if there had been any funerals during the time reported. There were none.

### **Committee Action Items for Council Consideration:**

David Berg reported on “Process and Responsibilities” of Council members. All were reminded that, as liaisons to the various congregational committees, committee meeting minutes, with action items for Council highlighted, need to be sent to the Council Secretary, Kendahl Adjorlolo, so they can be included in the next meeting’s agenda.

Kendahl Adjorlolo reported on the status of committee meeting minutes. She received minutes from Building and Property and the Finance Committee. Neither had action items for the Council. Kendahl did say to be aware that the Finance Committee reported that Building and Property will be looking into buying a new refrigerator, using their own budgeted funds, and Finance will be seeking information on the purchase of an “OWL” device to facilitate hybrid meeting listening.

It was brought up that the Art Guild would like to relocate the Military board to use that space for showing church activities. After a little discussion, it was determined it is a decision for the Building and Property committee.

### **Old Business:**

The Membership Reconciliation list is being compiled by Kris Smith. Discussion about the way the list is compiled included information that members need to fill out a pew card for communion in order to be counted, plus give a minimum offering each year. Members are at risk of falling off the membership rolls if two years go by with no recorded activity in these areas. There is no current action for Council to take. Dave Shogren mentioned that the new Membership Committee is planning to call people who have been past members, but not heard from in the last six years.

**Audit Committee open position:** Ho Brown told Council that Jordan Chester volunteered to fill the third place on the Audit Committee. He has a background in Finance and currently works for Microsoft in that capacity. **Kendahl**

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**Adjorlolo moved that Jordan Chester be accepted to the Audit Committee. Jean Peterson seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.**

**Continuing Resolutions:** Jean Peterson reported that the process was begun last year to add three new Committees to our list: UW Campus Ministry; Sabbatical Committee; Pre-School Task Force, with a review date of January 2024. **Gary Curtis moved to extend the review date to January 2025. Kristi Pyne seconded. After a short discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION ITEM: Jean Peterson will meet with Pastor Berg re: numbering.**

**Coffee With Council:** Jean Peterson reported on the 2/4/24 meeting. Ann Aagaard came with information about the historical significance of the Bank Building where the proposed new building is to be constructed next door to the church. There will be a hearing on 2/27/24 at City Hall about the Landmark Committee's review of this. Ms. Aagaard also stressed the importance of not granting any easements which could impact future value of the property. Pastor Berg noted there can be no easements as the church property easement extends to the center of the alleyway by the church. There is no action to be taken, but congregation members are encouraged to attend the hearing, even if not Bothell voters.

Kaaren Hatlen spoke about the 6 km walk, starting from the church, that she hopes to do for World Vision water fundraising on May 18. The Building and Property Committee will be involved in the planning and decisions about what is needed to do this. No Council action is needed at this time.

**The next Coffee with Council will be 3/3/24. Emily Curcio and Kendahl Adjorlolo will staff it.**

**Publicity:** We were reminded that our committees need to get information to Christy Freriks or Kris Smith for the reader board and Emily Curcio for the church Instagram account. Pastor Berg and Kris Smith update the calendar and Sunday Bulletins. Sunday announcements of activities will be made by activity hosts or Pastor Berg.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Pastor Berg reported that 12-15 new members are ready to be received into our congregation on Sunday, 2/25/24:

Kerry and Lisa Swanson (Transfer from ELCA congregation)

Elise Butters (by Affirmation of Faith)

Lawrance Mondal (by Affirmation of Faith)

Sue and Bob Casperson (reinstating membership)

Drew and Erika Schliep (Benjamin, Maddie, William) (Transfer from ELCA congregation)

Jackie Blum (Transfer from ELCA congregation)

Susan and Ross Cook (by Affirmation of Faith)

Kathy Telford Luiz (Transfer from ELCA congregation)

**Council voted unanimously to accept these new members.**

**Annual Meeting:** Ho Brown reported that the Annual Meeting went very well and that she was pleased with the presence and deployment of the Council members and how well they all worked together as a team. Jean Peterson said the ballot packets worked well for voting but we needed more than the forty she had printed as some people had difficulty with the QR voting format. Suggestions for future meetings were: Make a "last call" announcement to corral members into the meeting space; practice QR use during services prior to meeting so people are more comfortable voting that way; either have more tables for faster check-in OR just have a simple sign-in with Council verifying that the names are on membership list; make voting "fun" by having music or videos showing during actual voting and ballot counting moments. It was asked how long we need to keep the balloting information and sign-in sheets. Since there have been no challenges, they do not need to be kept and can be disposed of.

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**ACTION ITEM FOR KENDAHL ADJORLOLO: when sending out the agenda to members prior to the next Congregational Meeting, remind all to bring their devices so they can use the QR codes to vote.**

**Council 2-year Term:** Emily Curcio has volunteered to reduce her Council term to two years in order to complete the term that Kathy Konieczka had to vacate after serving one year. A two-year term counts as a full term, so Emily will be eligible to run for one more term after it ends.

**Nominating Committee vacancies:** Ho Brown said Beth Phelps had agreed to fill one of the two remaining seats on the Nominating Committee. **Jean Peterson moved to accept Beth Phelps on the Nominating Committee. David Berg seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.** The final seat will need to be filled before the committee begins its work in September.

**Synod Assembly Youth representative:** Jacky Schnarre confirmed that Levi Schnarre has agreed to be the Young Adult representative from FLC for the May 18 Synod Assembly in Des Moines, WA. There is still room for a youth (confirmed member under age 18) to attend. Pastor clarified how many voting members we can send: Two who identify as female; one who identifies as male; one young adult; one youth.

**Committee Liaisons:** 2024 Committee Liaisons will be:

Building and Property – Jess Faubion  
Christian Education – David Berg  
Fellowship – Joyce Thode  
Finance – Emily Curcio and Gary Curtis  
IT/Communications - Jacky Schnarre  
Membership – Dave Shogren  
Pre-School – Kristi Pyne  
Social Ministries – Christy Freriks  
Stewardship – Kendahl Adjorlolo  
Worship and Music – Jean Peterson  
Youth – Sandy Flying Cloud

**Membership:** Dave Shogren, Council Liaison for the Membership Committee, will be writing a blurb to explain what is needed to be a member.

**Spotlight on Volunteers:** IT/Communications for March, Membership for April, Pre-School for May. Articles are to be no more than 250 words and need to be to Kris Smith by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before. Pre-School will spotlight Beth Bowers, since she is retiring, even though she is not a volunteer.

**Council Corner:** Suggestions for items to put in the Council Corner are: open items from the Annual Meeting and approved Council minutes.

**Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 19, 2024, in person and on Zoom, from 7-8:30 p.m.**

**ACTION ITEM FOR EVERYONE: Read through chapter 5 in “When Church Stops Working”**

**Ho Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by  
Kendahl Adjorlolo

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