

Gloria Dei Church Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Board Room

Date: August 13, 2019

Attendees: Sara Dannen, Amber Edelen, Blake Hoffman, Missy Radigan, Steve Schultz, Pastor Tim Selbo, President Jon Sogn

Absent: Nick Sershen

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Jon Sogn at 5:30 p.m. He opened the meeting with prayer and devotions.

Proceedings

- 1) **Minutes:** Missy Radigan made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 25th meeting. The motion received a second and passed.

- 2) **Financial Report:** Steve Schultz distributed the July financial report (HANDOUT) for review. Year-to-date revenue appears low, but it is not unexpected for the summer months. The Council had voted via email to replace the sanctuary projectors. They will be installed next week and will be ready for Rally Weekend and the Bishop's Installation. A copy of the monthly financial report is available to all Gloria Dei members upon request in the church office.

- 3) **Ministry Updates:** Pastor Tim Selbo provided updates on the following ministries:
 - a) Rally Weekend is Sept. 7-8. The message will focus on Luke 15. An artist will do special paintings during the services. The Gloria Dei App should be ready by then.
 - b) At the ELCA Church-wide assembly, Bishop Eason was re-elected and the ELCA was declared a "Sanctuary Church." A copy of Bishop David Zelmer's August 12, 2019, posting regarding the sanctuary declaration is attached to these minutes.
 - c) Bishop Hagmeier's installation service will be Sept. 7th, at 1:30p.m.
 - d) Maintenance is planned for the sanctuary lights.
 - e) Staff continues to cover the new member ministry position; they do not currently plan to re-hire the vacancy.
 - f) Pastor Dwight will return from sabbatical Oct. 1.
 - g) The Tre Ministry Center building is for sale; the ministry is seeking a new location.

- 4) **Initial Expansion Meeting:** Missy Radigan discussed the 2016 study/proposal for expansion. The committee also plans to research the option of a new stand-alone CYF building on or off site.

- 5) **2020 Budget:** Pastor Tim asked Council to consider potential items for the next budget. He will ask the staff to make a presentation to Council on the CYF position in October. The Social Media/Communication staff position is still under consideration. The Gloria Dei bus is an important tool in our youth ministries, but it will likely need replacing in the next year. Another used bus is estimated to cost \$25-40,000. Council discussed doing a special fundraiser for the bus.

- 6) **Adjournment:** Jon Sogn adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be September 17, 2019.

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline
Create Technology Outreach Task Force	Jon Effinger?	
Short Term Parking Study for Parking	Board of Administration/Steve	Fall 2019
Long Term Expansion Task Force	Pastors Dwight and Tim, Blake, Missy	
Haircut Trailer fundraiser discussion with congregation	Pastors Tim and Chris	
Explore Church Service Implementation Options	Pastor Tim	
Proceed with staffing CYF position	CYF Staff	Summer 2020
Preschool Task Force begins meeting	Jon S., Nick, Steve, and Amber	August

Secretary: Amber Edelen

Sanctuary Church Body - What Does This Mean?

By [sdsynod](#) Posted [08/12/2019](#) In [Synod News](#)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We have just returned from a full and busy week at the [15th Churchwide Assembly](#) in Milwaukee. The churchwide assembly is the highest legislative authority of the ELCA. Over 900 voting members from all 65 synods participated in the week-long triennial assembly to discuss and deliberate important matters of the Church.

One of those topics which you may have heard about through national news outlets was the decision to declare the ELCA as a "[sanctuary church body](#)".

In simplest form, becoming a sanctuary church body or denomination means that as the Church, we are publicly declaring that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith. Accompanying immigrants and migrants is already a strategy of the Church through the work of [AMMPARO](#).

Being a sanctuary denomination will look different across different contexts. Each congregation will need to discern what this means for them in their context.

Legally, here is what the action by the Churchwide Assembly means:

- The Churchwide Assembly's declaration that the ELCA is a sanctuary denomination binds only the ELCA Churchwide Organization; it does not bind congregations, synods, or other organizations;