

EKLC August Council Minutes Tuesday, August 28th, 2016

Call to Order at 7:20 p.m. by Hilary Terland

Attendance: Pastor Brenda Lovick, Hilary Terland, Barb Klemp, Elizabeth Kaashagen, Brian Rosenthal, Brenda Schroeder, Vicki Schuh, Sonja Christensen. Absent Don Amundson

Adopt agenda: Motion by Sonja Christensen to accept. Brenda Schroeder 2nd. No discussion. Passed.

Devotions: Isaiah 58. What rules are crippling us? What is keeping us from living our full potential both individually and as a congregation? Opening prayer by Pastor Brenda.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Vicki Schuh to approve. Sonja Christensen 2nd. No discussion. Passed.

Guest – Lane Taylor (Property Committee update) – Estimates for both churches bell towers/tuck pointing are received. All the estimates are per hour and there are no bids for 'the job' (since they don't know what they may run into during the work). Maintaining the building is very important. (The pump conduit, thermostats and yard lights discussed in new business)

Treasurer: Financials - Elizabeth

Income exceeded Expenses by \$2,600!! Most likely due to July having five Sundays. Income also exceeded budget goal for July by \$2,092.92. Income year-to-date is \$19,025.20 more than for the same time last year. General Offerings year-to-date are currently trailing to meet the 2016 budget by \$11,705.94. Motion to accept treasurer report by Brenda Schroeder and 2nd by Sonja Christensen. No discussion. Passed.

Treasurer – Don

No report. Motion to accept financial reports by Brenda Schroeder. 2nd by Sonja Christensen. No discussion. Passed.

Old Business

Changing annual meeting date – On schedule to meeting on Rally Sunday

Assign duties for meeting - Completed. Will check to see if the microphones are working for that date.

Water leaking in decoration room – We need to take action on this issue before we lose the quotes and everything gets more expensive. Discussed funding of this structure project and the possibility to move forward before winter.

Cemetery kiosk – asked Lane Taylor and Bonnie Ehrke for cost - waiting

Elm Tree to be removed from east side of Parsonage

Will revisit in September

Kitchen counter committee formation - Still contacting members about being a part of this committee. We are hoping that we will get some volunteers.

New Business

People/groups in need of a "thank you". Received a 'thank you' from National Multiple Sclerosis Society for letting them use our facility as a rest area.

Portico Insurance – yearly insurance that we chose for our pastor.

Sign up is due by the end of October and it is a pay as you use plan.

Synod recommends 'gold plus' and this is what we have had for the past several years. Motion approve Portico's gold plus plan by Brenda Schroeder and 2nd by Barb Klemp. No discussion. Passed.

Yard lights needed in the parking lot across the street and one at the upper church (separate fund for upper church). Motion to approve

\$200.00 for repair of light in the parking lot coming from budget line item repair and maintenance with funds coming from the repairs fund of the money market account by Brenda Schroeder and 2nd by Barb Klemp. Discussion and motion passed.

Dehumidifiers needed (at least one for the basement) – Need to consider square footage to be covered. Recommended to get one for the education wing for this year. Currently moved one dehumidifier to the decorating room to handle the moisture from the leak. Motion by Brenda Schroeder to approve purchase of one dehumidifier up to \$300 with money coming from budget line item repair and maintenance with funds coming from the repairs fund of the money market. 2nd from Sonja Christensen. Discussed. Passed.

Review Lite Wire as possible internet option – Current service provider is not good. Connectivity is slow. Lite Wire does not have a data max. Will have Lite Wire do a test on our signal reception. Will review after that to see if we have a current contract with Netwurx.

The well cap conduit needs replacing – Dane County Public Health Department did an inspection finding a broken conduit. Will need professional repair. Vicki Schuh made motion to fix broken conduit and 2nd by Sonja Christensen with money coming from budget line item repair and maintenance with funds coming from the repairs fund of the money market. Discussion. Passed.

Property Committee has made a request for 3 identical thermostats to replace outdated ones in the Narthex, sanctuary, and friendship hall – We need to have consistency between the thermostats. There is no uniform programming of these thermostats. It would be good to provide operating instructions at each thermostat. Motion by Sonja Christensen to table until next month for further discussion. 2nd by Barb Klemp.

Congregational Connect Team – Pastor Brenda reviewed the Connect Covenant document with Council and in the process of forming a team for our congregation with a coach from an outside congregation. Pastor Brenda will be coaching another congregation. The first meeting for our team is on October 1.

Reports: Attached

President

Pastor

Worship & Music

Education/Youth

Property – property met August 23 so will have a report for the next meeting.

Stewardship – monthly stewardship themes, coffee hour and special events.

Personnel – job descriptions are completed and will be meeting.

Mutual Ministry

ARK – Alive and Rockin' at Koshkonong!

Motion to accept reports as attached made by Barb Klemp and 2nd by Vicki Schuh. No discussion. Passed.

Adjourn: Vicki and Sonja Passed.

Close with Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 27th

Respectfully prepared:

Barb Klemp

Council Secretary