

July Council Minutes

Thursday, August 17, 2017 6:30 pm

Call to Order by President Barb Klemp at 6:31. Those present: Vicki Schuh, Brenda Schroeder, Don Amundson, Johnnie Jacobson, Pastor Brenda, Brian Rosenthal, Barb Klemp. Not present: Diane Luginbuhl.

Motion to adopt the agenda made by Vicki, second by Johnnie. No discussion, passed.

Devotions - from Gather Magazine on Micah.

Guests - no one in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: from July, 2017. Motion to approve by Brenda, second by Don. No discussion, passed.

1. Treasurer: Financials - Elizabeth. In July the income exceeded expenses by \$7,558. Year-to-Date, income is trailing expenses by \$9,277. There were 5 Sundays in July, so General Offerings were greater than those for July 2016 by \$2,614. They also surpassed the budget goal for August by \$1,478.

a. Request members to get their year-end contributions to us at the end of the year. Anything that comes into the church postmarked after December 30th counts for the next year.

b. Money received from Piggly Wiggly slips will be put into benevolence.

2. Treasurer - Don - Trust Fund policy was discussed. Edward Jones has suggested drawing a percentage per year for use from the fund. 4, 5 or 6 per cent was suggested by Edward Jones. Don made a motion to withdraw 5 per cent of the Investment Trust Fund annually to promote growth of ministry at EKLC. Any unused portion of this 5 per cent will remain in the fund. We will also sunset the transfer of \$14,400 per year for benevolence, (missions) and synod quarterly payments with responsibility for these budget items to be assumed in the general offerings. Year 1, no change, with years 2-5 reducing by \$3,600 per year. This policy will be effective beginning with the 2018 budget year. Johnnie seconded. No further discussion. Passed.

3. Old Business

a. Strip and polish tile floor outside sacristy and east and west entrances. Custodians will discuss this with the Property Committee as they feel they could do this task without hiring an outside company.

b. Education committee recommending background checks for all Sunday School/Confirmation teachers

i. Waiting for receipt of policy from education committee as they have not met.

c. Income tax on parsonage

i. Income tax information was found from the synod Attorney, David Moore. No income tax needs to be paid as long as the rent is used to further the ministry of EKLC.

d. Kitchen remodeling committee - need update from Diane. Johnnie brought information for kitchen counter-tops.

e. 125th Anniversary celebration Upper Church - August 20

f. Personnel committee - reviewed updated draft. Motion to accept the Personnel Committee document as revised by Barb, seconded by Brian. No discussion, passed.

g. Myron Fosdal memorial -

i. Any update on committee members

ii. Any updates on Fosdal family

iii. Tabled until September.

h. LifeTouch - Need contact person from EKLC

i. Decorating the church - Article was put in newsletter. Will discuss in September.

j. Thank you to: Will do these in September after our 125th anniversary.

k. Church Mutual - information available to us for employees. Vicki will listen to the webinar to learn about employee safety and ordering informational posters.

l. UCB line of credit is available for \$100 which is good for 3 years. Brenda made a motion to pay the \$100 for the availability of renewing the revolving line of credit for 3 years. The fee will come from undesignated memorials for this administrative fee. Vicki seconded the motion. No discussion, passed.

4. New Business

a. Portico representative contacted Pastor Brenda to offer information about Lay Employee Benefits. Council agreed to learn more about these benefits. Pastor Brenda will contact a representative.

b. Leading Well is a two year program that is leadership training for pastors. Pastor Brenda has been chosen to be one of the pastors to participate. This will help her in leadership and our church in growth.

c. Rally Sunday/God's Work, Our Hands

d. Stewardship Committee - Mission Statement will be Gather, Grow, Be Glad and Go with Grace. Motion to accept this mission statement made by Don and seconded by Barb. No discussion, passed.

e. Community Café - September 7 is the date and lots of help is needed to set up, serve, clean up and bring food. Needed are hot dishes, salads and desserts.

Reports:

5. President

6. Pastor

7. Worship & Music

8. Education/Youth

9. Property

10. Stewardship

11. Personnel

12. Mutual Ministry

13. ARK - Alive and Rockin at Koshkonong!

14. 125th Anniversary Church Celebration Upper Church

15. Motion made to accept reports by Brian and seconded by Brenda. No discussion, passed.

Motion to adjourn by Brenda, seconded by Johnnie. Meeting adjourned at 8:56.

Close with Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: September 21, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m. Your partner in Christ,

Vicki Schuh