

EKLC December Council Minutes Tuesday, December 16th, 2014

Call to order by Sonja Christensen at 6:32pm

Attendance: Sonja Christiansen, Elizabeth Kaashagen, Hilary Terland, Linda Mathison, Carroll Ehrke, Roger Evenson, Ken Rude

Motion made to approve November minutes made by Linda Mathison, seconded by Ken Rude. A change needs to be made to November minutes in the heading to reflect that they are the November and NOT October minutes. Motion passed.

Building and approving the agenda

Carroll questioned the motion to suspend benevolence payments to the synod from back in July. He asked why we have resumed payments when no amendments have been made to said motion and he has not rescinded the motion. Discussion regarding resuming payments to the synod was held in November, as recorded in the November minutes. There were disagreements about this topic, so Sonja decided that we would look into this matter further and discuss another time.

Sonja brought up some concerns about animals in the building. There have been many complaints of dogs in the building, and many people have asked to have this issue addressed. Motion made by Sonja Christiansen to no longer allow animals in the building, unless the animal is a registered service/guide animal. This would apply to anyone entering the church buildings, including but not limited to, members, visitors, maintenance crews, and employees. Seconded by Carroll Ehrke. Motion passed. Sonja said she would inform Rick Darrow of the change.

We reviewed the proposed budget from the finance committee. Roger Evenson made the motion to accept the proposed budget with the ability to change line items as needed. Seconded by Linda Mathison. Motion passed.

Reports

Treasurer: Elizabeth went over the financial reports. We received a refund from Portico for just over \$7,000 (over payments from Pastor Dave and Pastor Michael.) Paid about \$3,000 to line of credit at CSB and building loan is down to \$29,146. We will either need to shop around for different liability insurance for the properties, or we will need to increase the budgeted amount for 2015 since there was a significant increase to our premium. (We are currently with Church Mutual.) At the last financial meeting, Hal Schuh said he would shop around

with different insurance companies. Ken Rude asked if the parsonage rent income was put into the general fund or a different account; it's put into the general fund.

Pastor: as submitted. Linda Mathison asked why the children's Christmas program was changed to the Greening Service. We thought it was what Pastor Rehack had presented to the education committee to do this year. She said she had heard some members say they would like to see us go back to the service we used to do.

President: Jo Lee was the treasurer for WELCA, but will no longer be doing it. Sue Repyak will now take over for Jo Lee as the treasurer. Sonja received three letters from different places asking EKLC for donations: Campus Ministries in Madison, Lutherdale, and Seminarian Assistant Fund. She will look into whether or not we have donated to these places in the past to make a decision if we will donate again.

Worship: as submitted. Carolyn is stepping down as chair/communicator and Gloria Fruit will take over.

Property: Snow removal along the building by the sacristy entrance needs to be cleared better. People like to hold onto the wall for balance or support during the winter months, and there is too much snow in front of parked vehicles to do this. Could a railing be mounted to the wall for additional assistance/support? Carroll said he would look into mounting a railing on the wall.

Stewardship: no report

ARK: no report

Call committee: as submitted

Motion was made by Linda Mathison to accept standing reports. Seconded by Roger Evenson. Motion passed.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting was made by Roger Evenson, seconded by Hilary Terland. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 8:03pm