

# *EKLC January 2013 Council Minutes*

Monday, January 17th, 2013 at 6:30 PM.

Present: Jaime Lewellin, Karen Hayes, Bonnie Ehrke, Pastor Dave Nelsestuen, Gloria Fruit, Kristen Lien, Dave Repyak, Elizabeth Kaashagen, Holly Loomis, and Dave Reese

Meeting opened in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit by Bonnie at 6:32 PM.

Devotions given by Pastor Dave.

Consent Agenda.

*\*Financial Reports:* Overall income for 2012 exceeded expenses by approximately \$9700.

Motion made by Kristen Lien to take \$5,000 of income from 2012 to pay down the loan on the Investment Fund. Seconded by Bonnie Ehrke. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

First Fruits Giving. The giving will be budgeted at 7% of the 2013 budget but paid at 7% of the actual income received (Income = General Offering, Loose Offering; Anything that is not designated). This will be segregated monthly and anticipated that it will be distributed via the pass-through quarterly. We will review this again at our April meeting.

In 2013 the budget will be watched closely to make sure that we remain within budget. Discussion on how to alert or notify committees or persons in charge of budget lines when the budget monies are close to being used. A possibility is to list each budget line along with the budgeted amount and the balance remaining in the monthly newsletter.

Offering Envelopes. It was discussed to order envelopes without dates or numbers. We would organize these by name alphabetically. Pastor Dave and Elizabeth will have further discussion on this with Julie to come to a mutually beneficial decision.

Kitchen Seed. Money was set aside in an account for Mt. Meru coffee that is not being used. It was brought up that the coffee was graciously paid for in the past. We will continue to purchase this coffee and it will be available for use during coffee hour for \$7 per week. Elizabeth will have a write-up on Mt. Meru added to the February newsletter.

*\*Secretary's Report:* Accepted as submitted.

*\*Pastor's Report.* Accepted as submitted.

*[\\*President's Report.](#)* Accepted as submitted.

*\*Worship Committee.* Accepted as submitted.

*\*Stewardship.* A complete report was submitted for the Annual Meeting. Income is greater than expenses.

*\*Education.* Accepted as submitted.

*\*Property.* A complete report was submitted for the Annual Meeting.

*\*Personnel.* Annual reviews are in process.

*\*WELCA.* Accepted as submitted.

Motion made by Kristen Lien to accept the consent agenda reports. Seconded by Jaime Lewellin. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Old Business.

Worship Committee has requested a committee be established to create a "Wish/Need" list for people to know where givings/memorials can be distributed. Council will need to work with them to establish and prioritize guidelines. Judy Rusch has volunteered to chair this committee. We will

ask for volunteers for this committee at the Annual Meeting.

Wedding & Funeral Guidelines. These have been on the agenda for several months. Numerous questions have been brought up that need to be clarified. These will be clarified by the Executive Committee and Pastor Dave and submitted to the council for approval.

Facebook Page. Erica Thompson has agreed to be the administrator on this account. She will work with Julie to get it updated. Thanks, Erica!!!

#### New Business:

LEAD. The event this year is on February 23<sup>rd</sup> in Oregon. Registration is open online. Gloria Fruit will contact the new council members with an invitation and further information. This event is open to anyone who is interested to attend and cost will be reimbursed by EKLC upon completion of the seminar.

Election of Bishop. The election will be held at the Synod Assembly in May.

Youth Delegates at Synod Assembly. EKLC is able to have 2 youth voting members. Bonnie will make some phone calls this week to gauge interest. It will also be mentioned at the Annual Meeting prior to the vote.

Confirmation Task Force Recommendations. Things to be “pondered” for those to be confirmed in 2014 and beyond: 1. Amount of time for community service and congregational service during the Confirmation year. 2. Mentors for the current confirmation students. What are the expectation of these mentors and also the expectation of the student?

There is a need to clarify the requirements for confirmation in October of 2013. A motion was made by Kristen that 18 worship services are to be attended starting in September of 2012 through August of 2013 with attendance confirmed by sermon notes. Mid-week Lenten services will count as class time and NOT worship services. Two years of confirmation are required-there will be no minimum grade level for the 2013 class. Seconded Dave Repyak. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting Details. Microphones will be handled by Dave and Dave, Kristen will take minutes and Gloria will handle the ballots. Council will serve coffee and doughnut holes.

Audit Committee. A motion was made by Bonnie to elect Marilyn Gunderson to fill the one year vacancy on Audit Committee and Ken Stach to fill the three year vacancy. Seconded by Jaime. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Trust Fund Committee. This committee should consist of three members. The council nominates for this committee and reports at the Annual Meeting. Bonnie will contact potential candidates prior to the Annual Meeting.

Thrivent presentation. Thrivent has a lot of resources available at no fee. They would be willing to come to a council meeting or special meeting. We should look to schedule this at some point in the future but will table this for now.

Motion to adjourn made by Kristen. Seconded by Gloria. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 PM.

Next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 18th, 2013 at 6:30 PM.

Faithfully submitted,  
Jaime Lewellin  
EKLC Secretary