

EKLC July Council Minutes

Tuesday, July 26th, 2016 7:15pm

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by Hilary. In attendance: Hilary Terland, Barb Klomp, Pastor Brenda Lovick, Sonja Christensen, Elizabeth Kaashagen, Vicki Schuh, Brian Rosenthal, Don Amundson. Absent: Brenda Schroeder
Adopt agenda: Motion to accept agenda by Vicki Schuh and 2nd by Barb Klomp. Passed.
Devotions: Luke 12:24 – “what does it mean to be rich towards God”. The meeting was opened with prayer.
Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve minutes by Vicki Schuh. 2nd by Don Amundson. No discussion. Passed.
Guest – Dave Repyak – Borge Committee Update – Working diligently at the upper church to get it in shape for winter. There are some wood problems in the soffit/gutter areas and tuck pointing needs work. There are some undesignated funds to use toward those repairs. Bids will be presented for review. Since there are some undesignated funds available, work may be starting in order to get it ready for winter.

Treasurer: Financials – Summarizing the financial reports for June, Expenses exceeded Income by \$5,600. This is partly because of Utilities. The second half of the insurance bill was paid at \$6,542 and another Landmark Fuel bill was paid for the lower church for \$1,416. There will be no more insurance premium payments till January. General Offerings were greater this June compared to June 2015 by \$3,768. To date general offerings are ahead of 2015 by \$12,522. June offerings were under the accepted budget for June by \$1,203. As of the end of June, the church is trailing \$14,348 as far as meeting this year's accepted budget.
Safe Deposit Box – Current contents: 1. \$20,000 CD issued 1/09/2000 Jeffrey Wrolstad memorial and maturity 04/09/2001. 2. \$1,000 CD issued 04/04/1996 and maturity 04/04/2000 Borge fund. 3. \$4,729 CD issued 10/27/1993 and maturity 10/27/1997 Borge fund. 4. \$784.29 CD issued 06/01/1996 and maturity 11/28/1996. Hammes memorial. 5. Agreement Erna Rude made a gift of stock to Memorial Fund for \$40,000 to be used for Barrier Free Project. 05/05/1993. 6. Investment fund stock purchase receipts from But-tonwood Partners. 7. 2 copies of a typed inventory of kitchen supplies, dishes, linens, decoration dated 1990. 8. Video entitled 'church inventory 1990' on VHS tape.
Updated names for access to the safe deposit box.
New additions to safe deposit box – The box is currently empty. Will be reviewed in the future.
Keys located – One key will need to be replaced.
Approval of letter – Discussed and approved.
Investment Fund Statements – It is necessary that all original statements come to the church. Copies of the statements will go Investment Fund Committee, Council Treasurer and the Audit Committee. All information is being kept in the office
Money Market accounts - Review of all money market accounts. Worked through the list, Elizabeth will update and we will review the updated list at the next council meeting.

Treasurer – Don
Investment Committee will be meeting to get an update from Edward Jones in regards to the investments. Preliminary budget work has been started. Consolidation of money market accounts. Discussed and reviewed. Motion made by Don Amundson and 2nd by Brian Rosenthal to consider the consolidation of accounts. No discussion. Passed.

Old Business

Changing annual meeting date
Next step – post card mailing – Late July/August
Approve post card – Reviewed post card. Postcard approved.
Put in newsletter and in Bulletins
Will appear in August (and September) newsletter. Announcements will be made during worship service.
Water leaking in decoration room

Review two quotes provided by Lane Taylor. Two estimates discussed. A decision will be made once the remainder of the estimate(s) received.
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
Rally Sunday – September 11th
Committee assignment updates – Being worked on by each individual committee.
Council's contribution – each council member is encouraged to be involved with their respective committee. We would like to have all of our congregational members to become active in a committee. Reach out to those not in a committee for help.
Kitchen counter donation
Committee formation – being worked on still looking for members.

New Business

Three-year ad for visitor guide \$180.00 - Cambridge Area Guide. Discussed importance of being noticed in the community. Motion to spend \$180 to pay for the three-year ad to appear in the visitor resource guide for Cambridge made by Don Amundson. 2nd Brian Rosenthal. No discussion. Passed. Deadline August 3.
Three ideas on how to grow EKLC – Shared our thoughts on ways to bring our church out to the communities that we support. Council members to return “Gifts of Service” survey – Council to complete the forms with new interests or to indicate what they are already working on.
Credit card name change – Tabled until further information is received.
ELCA's “Connect” – Synod is putting a program together that is a mission/vision program for congregations – renewal process for congregations to grow. Two-year program at \$500/year beginning in October, 2016. Brochures reviewed. Motion to participate in the Synod's connect program with monies coming Undesignated Memorials by Vicki Schuh. 2nd by Sonja Christensen. No discussion. Passed.
Website renewal – Discussed updating the current website. Need to contact our webmaster to redesign our website within our price range. Renewed.
New router needed for office – Ok to purchase new router after discussion.
Reports:
President
Pastor
Worship & Music
Education/Youth – Meeting on July 31.
Property – did not meet this month.
Stewardship – EKLC is hosting Cambridge Community Café on September 1.
Personnel – will be reviewing job descriptions
Mutual Ministry – Meeting on July 31.
ARK – Alive and Rockin at Koshkonong!
Motion to accept reports as attached above by Don Amundson and Barb Klomp. No discussion. Passed.
Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Vicki Schuh and Sonja Christensen
Adjourn – 10:07 p.m.
Closed with Lord's Prayer
Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 23, 2016
Respectfully submitted,
Barb Klomp