

# ***EKLC March Council Minutes*** March 22, 2016 7:15pm

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Hilary Terland at 7:15

Attendance: Hilary Terland, Brenda Schroeder, Barb Klemp, Pastor Brenda, Vicki Schuh, Elizabeth Kaashagen, Brian Rosenthal, Sonja Christensen (Don Amundson absent)

Guests: Dave Repyak, Lane Taylor.

Adopt agenda: Motion by Brenda Schroeder to accept agenda.

Vicki Schuh second. Passed.

Devotions: Philippians 2 – working as a Team. Pastor Brenda lead us in prayer.

Approval of February Minutes: Motion by Vicki Schuh to approve.

Second by Brenda Schroeder. Passed.

## **FINANCIAL:**

- Expenses exceed Income by \$2,500. This is partially due to a large fuel bill for the lower church for \$1,340.
- Contributions for February were \$12,155 which were below our budgeted amount by \$1,484. On a positive note contributions were \$4,290 more than for February 2015.
- The money for the 2015 Benevolences was transferred from the Money Market account and the Benevolence checks approved at the annual meeting were written and mailed.
- Motion to accept financial report. Brian Rosenthal. Brenda Schroeder second. Passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Changing annual meeting date – Discussed the dates of the annual meeting. Considering the last Sunday of January vs. the first Sunday of February giving us some bad weather leeway. Will review the appropriate protocol to present to the congregation.
- Personnel committee – We are needing to replace some committee members. Discussed options to recruiting members. Motion by Sonja Christiansen that personnel be evaluated by the church council Executive Committee but to include the prior process of having evaluations of staff done by members of the congregation. Second by Brenda Schroeder. Passed.
- Continuing working on custodial concerns – Brenda and Hilary have met with staff and have provided a checklist of what jobs need to be performed and how often. Congregation is reminded if they see something that needs to be fixed, it should be added to the list of tasks to be completed located in the Council Room.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Christiana Township property forms – need signed and returned with letter included about parsonage being rented. This is for the tax exempt status.
- People/groups in need of a “thank you” –George and Jackie Waag, Jimmy Johnson, Linda Mathison
- Continuing education for office manager – approval for pur-

chase of book that will accompany the seminar. The reimbursement for the book will come from the interest from the money market account. Ok to reimburse office manager for the price of the book.

- Habitat for Humanity Faith Build is a go! The home will be built in Sun Prairie. Discussed ways to help cover the cost of \$7500. Habitat Sunday in our church on April 3. There will be some special things planned in conjunction with this as well as a representative from Habitat for Humanity. April 4 will be the all area meeting. More information will be obtained at that time and shared with the congregation.
- Renters request for dog. The renter excused herself from the room for the discussion. Barb Klemp made a motion to allow the dog and that each animal should be approved; that if there were animal damage in the home, that it would be the responsibility of the renter and that we would require a nonaggressive dog breed. The animal is to be kept under control. Vicki Schuh second. Passed.
- Thrivent – Dave Repyak - All the Trust Fund reports are in the process of being reviewed. Would like to have all the reports come through the church to be disseminated. Also would then have a copy in the church. A notebook has been started that will be kept in the church office to file the copies until all the copies are sent to the church. Proposed to meet with Thrivent and have members of the affected committees present as well. Discussed talking with Edward Jones first to define what we have. Will coordinate with the Finance Committee.
- Cemetery Board – Lane Taylor – Cemetery Board is proposing the building of a cemetery kiosk that would contain map of the cemetery, names and locations in cemetery records. The kiosk will hold the documents generated by electronic mapping. Will discuss at April council meeting

## **REPORTS:**

- President - reviewed and attached.
- Pastor - reviewed and attached. Discussed accomplishments so far. Council recognized all the accomplishments in this first year.
- Worship & Music – reviewed and attached.
- Education/Youth – reviewed and attached.
- Property – discussed. Still need to have a contact person to the council. Hilary stated she will be the contact person.
- Stewardship – reviewed and attached.
- Personnel – previously reviewed earlier in this meeting.
- Mutual Ministry – meeting coming up on April 3.
- ARK – Alive and Rockin’ at Koshkonong – reviewed and attached.

Motion to accept reports: Brenda Schroeder and second by Vicki Schuh. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Brenda Schroeder and second by Barb Klemp. Motion passed.

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Next Meeting: April 26, 2016 at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Klemp