

EKLC May Council Minutes May 20, 2015 6:30pm

Meeting called to order by Sonja Christensen at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Pastor Brenda, Sonja Christensen, Elizabeth Kaashagen, Don Amundson, Hilary Terland, Brian Rosenthal, Roger Evenson, Brenda Schroeder

Pastor shared devotion

Motion to approve April 15, 2015, meeting minutes was made by Don Amundson, seconded by Hilary Terland. Motion carried.

Motion to approve special council meeting minutes from April 29, 2015, was made by Hilary Terland, seconded by Roger Evenson. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Motion to approve the financial report made by Hilary Terland, seconded by Don Amundson. Motion carried.

Elizabeth will be on vacation from 6/13/15- 6/19/15. She will try and have the financial reports done before she goes. It is dependent upon when she receives the bank statement.

Larry Westfield, Synod Trust Fund Consultant is available to help in the understanding Trust Funds. Pastor Brenda will invite him to attend our 6/17/15 meeting to give an overview of how trust funds work.

Old Business:

Mutual Ministry:

Pastor Brenda shared a book titled, "Pastor and People Making Mutual Ministry Work." Each council member received a copy and was asked to read it. At the next council meeting we will work on establishing a Mutual Ministry Committee.

Fill Vacant Council Position:

Sonja Christensen made a motion to have Don Amundson fill the open Council Treasurer position that was created by Ken Rude's resignation. Roger Evenson seconded. Motion carried.

Sonja Christensen made a motion to have Hilary Terland assume the Vice President role since Don Amundson assumed the Treasurer role. Don Amundson seconded. Motion carried.

Hilary Terland assumed the liaison role for the Worship Committee which was previously Don Amundson's role.

Sonja Christensen will contact potential members to fill the vacant council member role created by Ken Rude's resignation. This position would only be until January 2016.

Review Wish/Needs List:

Julie is the keeper of the list. It is used as a resource for when people ask for potential items to give memorials or gifts to.

Sonja Christensen will ask Judy Rusch to update the list and transfer the appropriate items to the newly created repairs list.

Determine the Dollar Amount for Pre-Approved Expenses for the Property Committee:

It was decided that single expenses exceeding \$200.00 needs council approval. Emergency situations can be handled by calling the Council President, Sonja Christensen, for approval. They do not need to wait for a Council meeting.

Discuss the Needs and Expectations of a Finance Committee:

Discussed various items committee might possibly do:

- Annual pledge drive
- Financial updates
- Annual budget

At next council meeting we will work on the following for the committee:
Mission statement

How often to meet

Who should be part of the committee

Don Amundson will give regular updates in worship on the status of church finances

New Business:

Council Retreat:

Agenda items for retreat:

- Elizabeth go through each page of the financial report to help everyone understand the reports better
- Review the By-Laws and Constitution in depth

Retreat will be for one full day. Come to next council meeting with available dates.

Reports:

President Report:

Nothing to report

Pastor's Report:

See attached report dated 5/20/15

Starting 6/9/15 there will be a Prayer service along with the staff meeting

Pastor was asked to share the opening and closing prayers for the Memorial Day service in the park in Cambridge.

Sonja Christensen will make contacts to fill the Sundays during Pastor's upcoming absences.

Standing Committee Reports:

ARK

No report

Education/Youth

See attached reports dated 4/19/15 & 5/14/15

Property

Brian Rosenthal will have the Property Committee purchase some outside garbage cans

Shared the updated jobs list and completed jobs list

Stewardship

See attached report dated 5/17/15

Worship & Music

See attached report dated 5/6/15

Personnel

No report

Financial

No report

Motion to approve all standing reports was made by Hilary Terland.

Seconded by Brenda Schroeder. Motion carried.

Thank You:

Thank you to Jim Lein, Leins Plumbing for his service in unclogging the men's bathroom.

Miscellaneous:

Don Amundson shared an update on the Church Mutual Insurance communications he has been having. They have been discussing a single blanket limit property insurance. Don has more questions and is following up on it.

They have also been discussing replacement cost calculations. Someone from Church Mutual will be coming to assess our buildings.

Brenda Schroeder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m., seconded by Brian Rosenthal. Motion carried.

Adjournment – Closed with the Lord's Prayer