

# EKLC November Council Minutes

## Monday, November 19, 2012 at 6:30pm

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

Not Present: Dave Reese

Meeting opened in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit by Bonnie at 6:30 PM.

Devotions given by Pastor Dave.

### Consent Agenda.

- *Financial Reports*: Elizabeth gave an overview of all of the expenses and income. Expenses exceeded income for the month of October. We briefly discussed beginning the budget for 2013.
  - *Secretary's Report*: Report accepted as is with no changes.
  - *Nominating Committee*: The nominating committee has begun contacting people for 2013. The following will need to be filled: 2 for Council, 1 for Audit, 4 for Nominating and 2 for Synod Assembly (along with 2 alternates). A reminder email was sent to the members of the current Nominating Committee.
  - *Pastor's Report*. Pastor Dave has recommended that we look at redoing our letterhead to match all of the business cards. He discussed his plans on how he will pray for our congregation.
  - *Jail Ministry Report*: No update.
  - *President's Report*. As submitted.
  - *Worship Committee*. Pastor Dave's installation will be on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Senior Choir Concert on December 9<sup>th</sup>, Children's Christmas Program and Concert will be on December 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - *Stewardship*. Overall year to date we are ahead. No further Stewardship drive is planned for this year.
  - *Sunday School*. The Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Lynnette Swenson has volunteered to lead the program this year!!!
  - *Property*. The Light Circle would like to donate monies to replace the faucet in the kitchen. Bonnie and Dave Repyak will work on this. Thanks to the Light Circle!!! Some work has been done at the upper church to repair the railing. The light outside of the main church is being worked on. The work on the parsonage is wrapping up. A piano was donated to the parsonage and has not been tuned in several years. There will need to be further investigation on if this can be tuned.
  - *Personnel*. Recommendation received for 2013 budget.
  - *WELCA*. The 2013 booklet is being put together.
  - *Education*. As submitted.
- Motion made by Kristen to accept the consent agenda reports. Seconded by Dave Repyak. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

### Old Business.

- *Budget for 2013*. The process of the 2013 budget has begun. We are waiting for several budget requests before we can formalize the proposed budget for the Annual Meeting. Pastor Dave has suggested that we look at the organization and ownership of the budgeted lines. This will be tabled and reviewed after the first of the year.
- *Funeral Policy*. Holly joined us to clarify staff payments in the new funeral policy.
- *Parsonage Task Force*. Dave Repyak has motioned that the parsonage will remain as a property of EKLC and remains for the sole use of a parsonage for a pastor and not for rent at this time. Seconded by Jaime Lewellin. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

### New Business:

- *Benevolence*. Holly gave a background on benevolences; where the monies come from and how they are distributed. Bonnie is looking for more specified information on how to decide where these monies go. The council will review the current missions supported for the December council meeting. Holly will send us this list.
- *Annual Meeting*. The 2013 Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.
- *Facebook*. Discussions were had as to the use of this page as a way of communication. We will look at someone (s) to be the administrator to this group.
- *Church Mutual Policy*. A questionnaire was received from Church Mutual. Bonnie will contact the Synod for direction on how to complete this. Terrorism Risk Insurance is no longer covered and will need to be purchased

- separately. The premium will increase to continue with this coverage.
- *Compensation for Pastor Dave.* Pastor Dave would like to request that we designate \$4,100 of the projected Defined Compensation Income for 2012 as Housing Allowance for IRS tax purposes.
    - Motion made by Jaime. Seconded by Kristen. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.
    - He would also like to request that \$24,000 of the projected Defined Compensation Income for 2013 as Housing Allowance for IRS tax purposes.
    - Motion made by Jaime. Seconded by Kristen. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.
  - *Good Samaritan Fund.* Pastor Dave is looking for guidance on the use of this fund. A written policy would be very helpful.

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

Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 17th, 2012 at 6:30 PM.

Faithfully submitted,  
Jaime Lewellin  
EKLC Secretary