

EKLC September Council Minutes September 16, 2015

Meeting called to order by Sonja Christensen at 6:35 p.m.

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

Personal sharing and devotion:

Confirmation class joined council and we discussed the following items:

What is your definition of faith

What does God value in your life

Share a time when you made choices based on Christian values

Motion to approve August 19, 2015, meeting minutes was made by Hilary Terland, seconded by Don Amundson. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Custodial invoices for supplies to finishing floors were moved from custodial expense to building repair expense per Council request at August meeting.

\$13,232 still due on building loan

Council requested to move the \$23.00 from the Altar table fund to the Altar Guild fund to close that fund.

Motion to approve the August financial reports was made by Don Amundson, seconded by Brenda Schroeder. Motion carried.

Don Amundson received the information from Church Mutual regarding the church property insurance review and premiums. Don will be contacting them to clarify some information and ask about some possible options that may be available with having two church buildings.

Old Business:

Floor waxing bids to clean and wax all rooms and hallways that have tiles

Sonja has received two bids

ZBM out of Watertown, bid was \$1,900

Galaxy out of Janesville, bid was \$1,320. Concern over what their service may be like as they were not real responsive with the bid request.

Discussed putting this item in the budget for 2017 as there is a concern that tiles may lift as a result of the cleaning/finishing process. Also discussed the possibility of doing a special drive to fund the project – no decision was made

Same sex marriage policy. Continuing to gather information

New Business:

Annual meeting was scheduled for Sunday, January 24, 2016. The alternative date if we have inclement weather is Sunday, January 31, 2016.

Internet speed at the church is very slow. Found we were under a residential plan instead of a business plan. If we change to a business plan this will increase the expense by \$15.00 per month. We are not tied into any contracts with the internet provider. The change will not drastically increase our service level but it will help. It was decided to upgrade to a business plan.

Pastor Brenda will be gone on Sunday, October 18, 2015. Sonja Christensen will find a substitute for the day.

Add to the October agenda to look into the possibility of selling the church parsonage

Reports:

President's Report:

Comment card received from congregation member concerned about the liability of the pool at the parsonage. This was checked into and it is covered by the tenant's renters insurance, this is not a liability for the church.

Pastor's Report:

See attached report dated 9/16/15

Standing Committee Reports:

Worship & Music:

See attached report dated 9/2/15

Education/Youth:

See attached report dated 9/8/15

Property:

Items on the projects list are continuing to be added and completed

The committee felt the mold issue had been taken care of. The decision was made to table bringing anyone in at this time to test for mold. The committee will monitor the situation.

Stewardship:

See attached report dated 8/30/15

Personnel:

Sonja, Trudy and Lynette are asking people of the congregation for input that they will use to compile performance evaluations for the church personnel.

ARK:

No report – Had a VERY successful Church Family Reunion event on 8/23/15

We would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to the ARK committee for the outstanding job they did with the Church Family Reunion event on 8/23/15. This was very successful and enjoyed by many. Thank you for all of your time and hard work you dedicated to this event.

Motion to approve all standing reports was made by Don Amundson, seconded by Brian Rosenthal. Motion carried.

Don Amundson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm, seconded by Hilary Terland. Motion carried.

Adjournment – Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting Wednesday, October 21st, at 6:30 p.m.