

EKLC September Council Minutes Tuesday, September 27th, 2016 7:15pm

Call to Order: At 7:15 p.m. by Hilary Terland

Attendance: Hilary Terland, Barb Klemp, Pastor Brenda Lovick, Sonja Christensen, Vicki Schuh, Brian Rosenthal, Don Amundson, Elizabeth Kaashagen. Guests: Holly Loomis.

Adopt agenda: Motion to accept agenda by Brenda Schroder. 2nd by Barb Klemp. No discussion. Passed.

Devotions: From the devotional book "Jesus Calling" with text from Deuteronomy/Romans/Psalms. Opened with prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Vicki Schuh to approve August council minutes. 2nd by Brian Rosenthal. No discussion. Passed.

Guest – Holly Loomis

Mission designations: Discussion of where to distribute funds so as to avoid the end of the year scramble to get ready for the annual meeting. Discussion of how to divide funds, add or remove categories. May be beneficial to have a Mission Committee. Will add to October agenda.

Property Committee Update:

Property update: Upper church property. Bids for exterior wood work by Amish and tuck pointing by Robertson's Masonary have been received. Committee has approved up to and not to exceed \$22,500 for the exterior wood work to include steeple, soffit, fascia; and also approval of up to and not to exceed \$7,000 maximum for the tuck pointing. Funds will come from Aagot Borge account. The bathrooms in the upper church will also be updated including new toilets, sinks/counter in both bathrooms.

Treasurer: Financials – Elizabeth – In August, income exceeded Expenses by \$1988.00. Year to date, we are trailing \$9,717 in meeting the 2016 budget. General offerings were \$2400 less than August 2015. General offerings were also #970 less than the budget goal for August.

Treasurer – Don

Investment committee met with Edward Jones for evaluation. Decisions to be made once we determine how we will use their services; i.e. growth, investment. Withdrawal rate for EKLC is 1.9% while the typical overall withdrawal is about 4%. Part of the evaluation process will be to determine if Edward Jones is doing as much as they can for us. Committee is working on the budget and hope to have it ready for October council meeting for review until the November meeting. Discussed the use of narrative budget.

Old Business

Changing annual meeting date

Motion passed at 9/11 meeting by show of hands

Finalize – Julie will print updated copies of everything for all council members. Changes need to be mailed to the synod office.

Water leaking in decoration room – waiting for quotes from Lane Taylor on tuck pointing the bell tower.

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 – still awaiting information. Table until October/November

Kitchen counter committee formation

In conversation with property committee regarding fruition

Thermostat replacement

Lane Taylor is requesting 5 to replace all thermostats between the two churches

2 for the upper church will be covered by Aagot Borge fund

Motion by Vicki Schuh and 2nd by Brenda Schroeder to return this item to the meeting for discussion. Funds from Aagot Borge will cover two thermostats for the upper church. Motion by Vicki Schuh and 2nd by Don Amundson to approve/and not to exceed \$400.00 to be taken from undesignated memorials for the thermostats for the lower church.

Internet service

Ran a test with Litewire out of Evansville, WI for service on 9/1/2016 – at this time church and parsonage do not fall in their coverage area. Litewire instructed us to try again in November after more transmitters have been added to towers

In conversation with Netwurx about issues – waiting for reply

New Business

People/groups in need of a "thank you"

Reports:

President

Pastor

Worship & Music – meeting next Monday

Education/Youth – October meeting to be scheduled