

**Knife River Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
5/19/24**

* **Present:** Jan Swanson, Ed Lee, Craig Whiting, Nancy Dent, Vicky Gorman, Helene Hedlund, Pastor Susan, Kay Bloom
By Phone LeAllan Estrem
Absent: Randi Alreck, David Grong

* **Helene Hedlund** opened the meeting at 10:15 am

* **Pastor Susan** gave a prayer

* **Approval of Agenda:** Motion/Second and Approved with the addition below; Jan Swanson discussed the Communion schedule for a year.

* **Approval of Prior Minutes** April, 7, 2024 Motion/Second/Accepted

* **Treasurer's Report:** The report included the current finances, cash flow and possible investments. There was discussion about the Memorial Gift received from DeWayne and Maurine Rubedor and how to best use these funds (\$13,577.13).

A Motion was made to put these funds into the Property Fund for future use as a Capitol Expense Reserve. This account should be an interest-bearing account that will be available for any KRLC project as approved by the Council. The **motion was seconded**, and discussion revolved around the rational of this motion: 1. An interest-bearing account would benefit KRLC rather than having the money uninvested. 2. The money can be easily moved within 3 business days. 3. There are possible future projects that are under discussion and these funds could be made available for use if deemed appropriate. 4. The safety of principal was important so a Money Market account will be used. **Motion approved.**

A motion was made by the Treasurer to invest the majority of the Building Fund and Memorial Fund in this Money Market Account to earn interest (currently 5.3%). The total amount at interest would be about

\$93,400.00. **The motion was seconded and approved** with the same rationale.

If KRLC members have any questions they can be directed to the Council.

Note:

The Secretary is to prepare a thank you letter to the family of the former member, expressing a great appreciation of the gift received. The Pastor, and Church Council should also be included in this letter.

***Committee Reports.**

The type of information posted on the Internet was discussed.

***Pastor Susan gave a report.** This included Three Baptisms, Picnics, Holy Week, Confirmation, New Members, Continuing Education. Pastor Susan discussed the New Choir, Synod Assembly, Pancake Breakfast and the Holy Cow Award. Summer Services are due to move outside around June 23.

***The Property Committee** gave a report on the need for a new door in the stair well, by the old front door,. This is expected to cost up to\$3,500.

Motion for approval of the money to replace the door, Seconded and **Approved for up to\$3,500.**

***Vacation Bible School** was discussed.

***Worship Committee** was discussed.

***The Solar Committee** is in the process of evaluating placement and researching the potential of utilizing solar panels for energy needs of KRLC. There is currently no chair person.

There was discussing of the **Umbrella of Music** at KRLC. This umbrella includes choir, bells, a worship and community choir plus any other music group such as strings, mandolins, organ and saxophone No bills have been presented as members tend to absorb costs.

***Technology** updates are tabled to another time.

***Building Policy Review update.** (Amended 6/4/24) It was decided that if a Vendor has a Lake County License to serve food and it has been accepted by Lake County, KRLC will accept that Lake County License, and it will suffice for use of the kitchen at KRLC. This is an update in our Policy Guideline on page 4 of 9 pages.

A Motion was made to accept this change in the Kitchen Policy, it was seconded and Approved

A Motion was made to approve the Fall Festival, it was Seconded and Approved. This is depending on finding a Chairperson. **The Funds would be designated to World Hunger.**

*** Old Business: By Laws**

Nancy Dent, Craig Whiting and David Grong have done substantial work for the good of our Church.

A Motion was made to present this to the Membership at the Annual Meeting. Seconded and Approved.

A request came from Mary Behrends to plant an Azalea in memory of Arne Peterson. It was decided to turn this over to Linda Grong, in light of the fact that the gardens will be completely rejuvenated as flooding issues are resolved in the area of the lower gardens. And this plant may not like our growing zone and soil.

The next Council meetings:

June 9. 10 am, stand up ten minute meeting

July 14, 10 am, sit down two hour maximum meeting.

Please remember meetings have been moved to the second Sunday of the month.

Move/Second/Approved to Adjourn: 12:05

Respectfully,

Kay Bloom
Secretary