

Knife River Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
4/7/24

Present: Helene Hedlund, Nancy Dent, Vicky Gorman, Randi Alreck, LeAllan Estrem, Ed Lee, Kay Bloom, Pastor Susan  
Absent: Jan Swanson

Helene Opened the meeting at 10:15 welcoming LeAllan Estrem to the Council.

Pastor Susan gave a prayer

Randi Alreck remarked on the New Orleans Youth Fundraiser, raising funds for youth scholarships. KRLC may have missed the deadline. There is a need for a volunteer to oversee this program. We need to have it on our “radar”

Craig Whiting brought up the need for about 20 more hymnals. There is money in the funds to help with a purchase.

Helene discussed the Memorial Service Guideline which has a current amount of \$75 for cleaning prior to a service and after a service. KRLC should be more consistent in Janitorial fees. A fee of \$75 will be used a temporary payment until all fees can be discussed further. Fees vary from form to form.

Randi suggested cigarette butt holders for outside the church door for smokers who attend funerals and weddings.

Helene discussed the need for more structure on Memorial Gifts when they are given without designating which fund they should be directed to . . . Who should decide this? Council? Executive Committee? And where should they go?

Helene discussed a new Choir start-up. Will they need help with funding? Are they are church choir or a community choir? And what costs may be associated with a new choir.

Pastor Susan acknowledged that KRLC has received an honor from Amanda White, Director of Generosity (ELCA). Knife River Lutheran and First Lutheran in Duluth have both been honored by a high level of giving to World Hunger. 150 Churches have been honored this year out of 8,640 in the USA.

The ten minute meeting concluded at about 10:30 am,

Respectfully Submitted,

Kay Bloom

A one hour discussion of By-Laws followed this meeting, with an interesting and thoughtful interaction by many members on the Council.

Kay Bloom