

Knife River Lutheran Church
Council Meeting – May 7, 2023 at 10:00 am

Present: **David Grong, Jan Swanson, Ed Lee, Randi Alreck, Craig Whiting**, Nancy Dent, **Bill Meyer, Vicky Gorman, Kay Bloom, Helene Hedlund** (Names in **BOLD** were in attendance) Quorum Determined

Meeting called to order by President, Helene Hedlund

Opening prayer by Pastor Susan

Approval of Agenda – M & 2nd to approved agenda **Carried**

Approval of Prior Minutes – February 26, 2023 Council Minutes (use Council instead of Cabinet), April 17 email vote regarding budget increase for Landscape Committee. M & 2nd to approve minutes **Carried**

Treasure's Report- Motion & 2nd to approve Treasurers Report – Discussion- **Carried**

Ed shared a mini-training session to help clarify concerns from the congregation and council members.

- Why is giving down?
 - It was noted that the current numbers do not include April giving
 - Historically, Christmas and Easter months the giving is up. Throughout the remainder of the year giving fluctuates up and down. This is typical and should not be alarming.
- Is the revised process about outreach giving working?
 - The Council plans to monitor the new process bimonthly. The plan is to allow the process to work for one year. It will then be assessed as to whether it should be modified.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Susan shared highlights from her report. Future reports will be attached to the minutes beginning in July.

Committee Reports:

- Property presentation – Recurring Maintenance updated report (very informative and well done)
- Property names consistent ownership (etc) recommended to be placed in high priority by Property Committee and Council
- Landscaping how it will be affected by future Community projects
- Planning Committee calendar and newsletter – Helene will keep them updated
- Men's Group is growing which has been very encouraging
- Christian Ed – VBS will be meeting to make decisions about this summer

New Business

- Fall Fun Fest – Sept 9th Fundraiser suggestion Memorial Garden
- Outdoor Service – needs railing. Mosaics – Jim Allert will hopefully have ideas on how to preserve the mosaics and make the gardens safer
- Communion Assistants
 - May 14 Vicki
 - May 21 Randi
 - May 28 Jan
 - June 4 Randi
 - June 11 Vicki

Communion Assistants

- June 18 Craig
- June 25 Jan
- July 2 Kay
- July 9 Nancy

Old Business

- Communication – will be an ongoing discussion. It is our desire to keep communication open to the congregation through posting of minutes and newsletter updates
- Discuss need for council, property and landscape groups to coordinate
 - Is there a need? Yes
 - It would be beneficial to identify committee structure in detail, such as
 - Purpose
 - Members
 - How long do members stay on committee
 - Landscape task force, needs defining
 - Identify whether they are committed members or a simply a task force
 - Is there a continuing resolutions file?
 - Missions report archives?
- Review Sexual Misconduct Policy – Tabled
- What does it mean to be ‘The Heart of the Community’ – ongoing
- Review/Update Mission Report to Synod – ongoing

- Continue review of Kitchen Use Policy now incorporated into Building Use Policy
 - Incorporating kitchen use policy and Building Use Policy... David gave presentation – worked on revision update
 - David will incorporate discussed changes. He will send two revisions one with indicated changes and one clean copy. Council Members are asked to review and send proposed changes to David.
- KRLC Purchasing process – ongoing

Closing Prayer – Pastor Susan lead in the Lord’s Prayer

Adjournment – M/2nd to adjourn **carried**

Next Meeting – July 9, 2023 (changed to the 2nd week because of the holiday weekend)

June 16th, 2023 – email request to approve the expenditure of mats for the memorial garden moved for vote to approve up to \$1,500 for this purchase to cover the product, handling and postage. Motion moved and seconded **Carried formally approved 7-9-23**