

Knife River Lutheran Church

Council Meeting – September 3, 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 – July 9, 2023 Council Minutes M & 2nd to approve minutes Carried

Approval of Stand-up Minutes – August 6, 2023 Minutes Approved

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

Take Aways from Q/A meeting...

- Wisdom for future. Passionate about giving
- Don't want to divide church
- Concerns some outreach organizations might be left out
- Michael D. clarified origin of designated funds and 10% giving
- Financially new system was a good decision
- No decision made yet – needs more time – continue to LISTEN.

Pastor's Report – Pastor shared overview

Committee Reports:

- Property
- Landscaping
- Planning Committee
- Worship
- Men's Group
- Christian Ed
- Other –

Technology Update – Correction that Nancy Dent has volunteered to draft a policy as it relates to archiving of church records. Michael Dent will set up digital Archiving of church records.

- Suggested items that are worthy of long-term archiving are as follows:
 - Newsletter
 - Council Minutes
 - Annual Report
 - By-laws
 - Constitution
 - Church registries
 - Church history documents and narratives
 - Policies (building use, wedding, safe church, etc)

Note FYI - New sound system purchased, installed and working

New Business

- Meatball Dinner
 - Date set for October 27th
 - Discussion of where proceeds will go... M/2nd to divided proceed with LSS/Chums... **Approved**
- Newsletter Content
 - Outcome of Planning Committee meeting regarding the Newsletter it was decided to ask for Council input in regard to expectations/desires as to newsletter content
 - Suggestions to go to Planning Committee **Consensus Reached**
 - Would like the deadline to be extend to 2 that afternoon to allow meetings scheduled for the same day to have the results in the newsletter if needed.
 - Separate Community “Heart of the Community” and the ‘Church Mouse’ from each other.
 - Stewardship articles will be submitted by Ed L. & Lee B.
 - Minimize editing; redundancy is ok
 - Jan Swanson will talk with Editor about councils input and see if there are any concerns she might have.
- Sound Off Project
 - Presentation by Ed L. and Craig W. on Adoped a panel
 - After discussion it was moved to present to Congregation at a Special Meeting on Sept 24. M/2nd **Approved**

Old Business

- Communication – will be an ongoing discussion.
- Stand-up Meeting – How did it go? Very well, liked. If a quorum is not met, then approval will be made by email.
- Communion Assistants
 - A sign-up schedule will be passed around council during meetings.
- Discuss need for council, property and landscape groups to coordinate – on going
- Fall Fun Fest – Suggested - Fundraising proceeds for Memorial Garden
- Review Sexual Misconduct Policy – M/2nd to approve Edited Copy 9/3/23 **Carried**
- KRLC Purchasing process - ongoing
- What does it mean to be ‘The Heart of the Community’ – How did Newsletter go out. Ask Melonie if she knows.
- KRLC Purchasing process – ongoing

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

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

Next Meetings – October 1 at 10:00 Stand-up Meeting

November 5 at 10:00 – Council Meeting

Respectfully Submitted

Jan Swanson, Secretary