

Minutes of Council Meeting

Elk River Lutheran Church - ELCA

The ERLC Council held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 via ZOOM.

Call to Order

President Kari Christianson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Devotions by John Auel. Roll Call: Pastor Nathan Mugaas, Kari Christianson, Michele Smith, Sarah Chur, Ron Stricker, Jenny Stanley, Brian McFarlane, John Auel, Ryan Herbert, Pastor Jeremy Hallquist, Sue Hales

ERLC Congregation Member Comments and Council Listening Session

At this time visitors to the meeting are welcome to present information of interest. The members of ERLC Council will receive such input without comments and will not discuss or act relative to any items brought forth at this meeting. The ERLC Council may direct consideration of presented information at subsequent meetings.

President Kari Christianson was not notified of anyone with information to present.

Action items

- Motion to approve the minutes of the September 15 ERLC Council meeting made by Sarah Chur and seconded by John Auel. All approved, motion carried.
- Motion to approve the September finance report, presented by Treasurer John Auel, made by Jenny Stanley and seconded by Ron Stricker. All approved, motion carried.
- Motion to form a building committee made by Jenny Stanley and seconded by Brian McFarlane. All approved, motion carried.

Discussion items

- The plan for Christmas Eve services are : 10:30 am family centered and online, 3:30 drive-in and streamed, 5:30 candlelight and online, 10:00 pm, outdoor vigil walk with candles. There will be a pre-recorded Christmas Day service.
- The first Sunday in Advent is November 29. There will be Sunday evening Vespers services. These will be more contemplative. Pastor Jeremy is working on an Advent devotion booklet and Advent wreath kits.
- A decorating team is being formed that will work on decorations that would reach out to the community - possibly window displays, outside lighting. Donations will be accepted .
- The Stewardship committee will put together a mailing with a pledge card and self-addressed stamped envelope. There will also be an online form.
- There is a question of how the annual meeting will be held.
- Pastor Nathan in discussions with Blair Anderson and John Natwick will be forming a building committee. It will consist of 3 teams. 1- Primary committee working with the city, budget etc. 2- Facilities committee looking at building needs. 3- Committee to oversee construction.

President Kari Christianson adjourned the meeting at 7:45. John Auel closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Hales, secretary

