

Minutes of Council Meeting

Elk River Lutheran Church - ELCA

The ERLC Council held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 via ZOOM.

Call to Order

President Sarah Chur called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Devotions by Sarah Chur.

Roll Call: Ruth Lemke, Jenny Stanley, Kari Christianson, Dave Katzner, Sarah Chur, Pastor Nathan Mugaas, John Auel, Ron Stricker, Mark Johnson, Intern Pastor Jeremy Hallquist, Michele Smith, 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 Sarah Chur was not notified of anyone with information to present.

Action items

- Motion to approve the minutes of the January 19 ERLC Council meeting made by Jenny and seconded by Kari Christianson. All approved, motion carried.
- Motion to approved the January finance report presented by Treasurer John Auel, made by Ron Stricker and seconded by Mark Johnson. All approved, motion carried.
- Council members signed up for Devotions. March - Ron Stricker; April - Michele Smith; May - Kari Christianson; June - Jenny Stanley; July - Dave Katzner; August - Ruth Lemke; September - John Auel; October - Mark Johnson; November - Sue Hales.
- Pastor Nathan Mugaas will communicate with council about a Holy Week project - a cup of coffee and a thank you note for all employees of the schools in Elk River.

Discussion items

- Pastor Nathan Mugaas discussed the roles of the council and the staff. The council helps shape the vision and direction of the church and the staff builds programs and events to fulfill those needs. The Pastor works in both realms.
- Pastor led a discussion on planning for future worship. There is the opportunity to relaunch. The primary goal is to engage people in the joy of life together enriched by the love of God and this community of faith. The way we return to worship is shaped by meeting the needs of people in person and online and to be a positive force for good in the community. We need to think about enticing members back into in-person worship when it is safe and to continue to engage a growing online audience. There may be items to purchase that can help with this vision such as outdoor platforms, streaming service, better use of cameras, improved sound.

President Sarah Chur adjourned the meeting at 8:15. She closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Hales, secretary