

Minutes of Council Meeting

Elk River Lutheran Church - ELCA

The ERLC Council held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 via ZOOM.

Call to Order

President Sarah Chur called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Devotions by Sarah Chur.
Roll Call: Ruth Lemke, Kari Christianson, Dave Katzner, Sarah Chur, Pastor Nathan Mugaas, Ron Stricker, Mark Johnson, Intern Pastor Jeremy Hallquist, Jenny Stanley, 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 with 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.

Ron Stricker shared an experience that happened at the drive-in service.

Action items

- Motion to approve the minutes of the March 16 ERLC Council meeting and March 21 electronic vote made by Kari Christianson and seconded by Mark Johnson. All approved, motion carried.
- Motion to approve the March finance report prepared by Treasurer John Auel made by Jenny Stanley and seconded by Kari Christianson. All approved, motion carried. John reported that the PP loan has been forgiven and the purchase of the staging will be moved to the Community Outreach fund.

Discussion items

- Return to in-person worship was discussed. The concern is balancing safety and reaching the most people. The idea of a task force will be discussed at the May meeting. Mark Johnson volunteered to be on the task force.
- Building hours and staff were discussed. This issue will be discussed at the May meeting after Pastor Nathan has discussions with staff.
- Pastor Nathan updated the council on the formation of the building committee. There is a need to add one or two more people. Names were shared.
- Pastor Nathan shared that there have been some fun stories of people who gave and who received the Generosity Project gift cards. He posed the question - How can we keep showing generosity?
- A church has received a Lilly grant to start a network of pastors - the Calvary Partner Network. ERLC has been invited to participate. The pastors will meet once a month.

President Sarah Chur adjourned the meeting at 8:24. She closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Hales, secretary