

**MINUTES OF MEETING
ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH**

The ERLC Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at Elk River Lutheran Church

Call to Order

President Brad Tesdahl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m

The following were present: Brad Tesdahl, Kim Hauger, Adam Horner, Erin Roppe, Pastor Michelene, Greg Pouliot, Karen Sjobeck-Mahon, Charee Wagenfeil-Cain, and Shane Austvold. Missing was Joe Livingston

Congregation members in attendance: Sue Hales, Pam and Glenn Johnson, Garnet Novotny, Hartley and Kathy Dahl, Doug and Donna Mathison, John and Karen Froelich, Peg Curtis, Ron Black

President Tesdahl led the meeting with reading the ERLC Mission Statement, Devotion and prayer

James 1:2

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds

Open Comments

- Sue Hales spoke on behalf of herself and Pam Johnson. A letter (attached) was read to the council as well as a passage from The Parish Paper (attached)
- John Froelich spoke in regards to comments he has heard about being blamed for financial issues within ERLC
- Karen Froelich spoke in regards to her concern that the council does not know or understand the constitution and asked that when council is ready to post the job posting that it be posted on the ELCA Synod job posting site as well as post the council minutes and treasure reports on bulletins and make copies for those that would like to take one home

Action Items

- Review of ERLC Council Meeting Minutes from March 15, 2016
 - Karen Sjobeck-Mahon moved and Kim Hauger seconded the motion to approve the March Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

- Review of Finance Report (report attached)
 - Shane Austvold moved and Charee Wagenfeil-Cain seconded the motion to approve the March Finance Report. Motion Carried.

- LLCB Donation Request
 - Land o'Lakes Choir Boys submitted a letter to Elk River Lutheran Church requesting a donation to be used for scholarships.
 - Shane Austvold made a motion that we donate \$150 to LLCB, Greg Pouliot seconded, Motion Carried

- Paraments
- funds to purchase the paraments were removed from the Worship Team's budget during the budget planning process. The recommendation during the budget process was to use memorial funds to purchase the set of paraments.
 - There will be a posting in the bulletin and newsletter indicating the use of the memorial funds for the white Paraments
 - Kim Hauger moved and Shane Austvold seconded the motion to approve the recommendation. Motion Carried

- Basement Upgrades
 - Greg presented the request for bathroom upgrades compiled by Vance.
 - Kim Hauger made the motion to use \$450 from Capital Improvement to purchase the Water Sensors for the basement bathrooms. Seconded by Shane Austvold. Motion Carried
 - Brad Tesdahl recommended a motion be made for a budget, not to exceed, \$2100 to purchase items needed for upgrades to the basement bathrooms as requested by Facilities. Erin Roppe moved, Karen Sjobeck-Mahon seconded, 7 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion Carried

- Hospitality-Caring Faith Request
 - Charee presented a request for \$2000 from Capital Improvements funds to purchase a large stainless steel refrigerator for the basement as well as a push through dishwasher, steam/cooling table
 - Council suggested that Hospitality-Caring Faith come back with a written cost proposal, submit to finance for review and then finance will bring to council for approval.
 - The request was made that \$25 from the Dare's Funeral Donations be given to Hospitality for reimbursement for kitchen necessities usage.
 - Council decided to table this discussion until further needs

- Mission Update
 - Service/Volunteer Appreciation
 - President Tesdahl would like to see an appreciation event given to all those that serve and volunteer their time at ERLC. Further discussion can be completed at future meetings.
 - Connection Events
 - Council will work on setting a plan in place to have a congregational activity/event to celebrate our congregation
- Focused Discussion
 - Constitution and By-Laws
 - Will host a Retreat May 1st 12:30pm-2:00pm to focus on By-Laws
 - June 12-August will start new Fellowship Café Sunday hours (9am-11am) where treats/coffee will be served
 - Ministry teams and objectives
 - Umbrella Meeting Update
 - Call Committee update
 - Caring Faith/Ministry Summary
 - May 6th-7th is the Synod Assembly and will need two members to represent ERLC
 - Staff Update

President Brad Tesdahl Adjourned the meeting at 10:20pm

Next Meeting will be held on 5/17/2016 @ 7pm