

ERLC Council Meeting Minutes

Elk River Lutheran Church, Elk
River, MN - ELCA

The ERLC Council held a regularly scheduled meeting on **Wednesday, July 19, 2023.**

Call to Order

President Dave Katzner called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Roll Call: Name Highlighted Indicates Present

Δ Dave Katzner - President

Δ Kent Larson - VP

Δ Sue Hales

Δ Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Δ Pastor Anne Schaefer

Δ Julie Marie Haugen

Δ Mark Johnson - Treasurer

Δ Matt Glasoe - Secretary

Δ Jeff Schrock

Δ Tom Werk

Δ Conni Natwick

Δ Jennifer Stanley

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 comment and will not discuss or act relative to any items brought forth at the meeting. The ERLC Council may direct consideration of presented information at subsequent meetings.

Jerry Jackson brought to the attention the recent vandalism at Rivers Edge Commons Park in downtown Elk River. Also, vandalism at the gazebo by the river. Police suggested automatic lights from dusk to dawn. Lights in the front of our building reportedly aren't working.

Later in the meeting this was discussed and Dave Katzner will talk with Adam Horner to see if the front lights issue was caused during the remodel.

Devotion by Mark Johnson

Action Items in BOLD

June Council meeting minutes review and approval (Dave Katzner)

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023, ERLC Council meeting made by Mark Johnson and seconded by Conni Natwick. Approved. Motion carried.

- New & Continuing Business:
 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice Committee
 - **Motion to revise June Motion from *Committee* to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice to Task Force. Task Force to update RIC**

Commitment by January 2025 Annual meeting and look for future opportunities to be determined by the Team, made by Sue Hales and seconded by Jenny Stanley. Approved. Motion carried.

- Jeff Schrock to make an announcement at both church services on July 23rd
- Add to the weekly Email from Linda to inform Congregation of this newly formed team and ask for volunteers. 18-month commitment.
- Jeff Schrock will be Council Liaison

○ Facilities Committee – Restart

- Announcement added to weekly Email from Linda informing Congregation that all maintenance issues are to be submitted to the Church Office
- Pastor Nathan is responsible for the building maintenance and needs to be aware of issues
- All costs for any repairs need to be paid by ERLC.
- Congregation members can make a donation to offset expense

○ Employee Retention Credit

- **Motion to move \$112,301.43 to a temporary interest-bearing account made by Jenny Stanley and seconded by Jeff Schrock. Approved. Motion carried.**
- Table discussion on Use of Funds until Pastor Nathan returns

○ Anything Else

- Update from Jenny Stanley on the newly formed Generosity team
- Team is meeting and brainstorming. Important to recognize Time and Talent efforts as well as financial

○ June financials review and approval (Mark Johnson)

- Mark Johnson to call Adam Horner to verify if our insurance company has been informed about the new roofs to reduce our costs.
- Bank of Elk River Credit card has 960 Reward Points. Staff will use at their discretion for volunteer staff and community assistance
- **Motion to approve the June finances as presented, made by Tom Werk and seconded by Jenny Stanley. Approved. Motion carried.**

• Additional updates from Pastor Anne

- So appreciative of Linda Nielsen and Taylor Quinn being wonderful partners during Pastor Nathan's sabbatical

President Dave Katzner adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm. Dave Katzner led the council in The Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 is CANCELLED. Dave will reschedule if needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Marie Haugen on behalf of
Matt Glasoe, Secretary

Addendums –

Pastor Anne Proposal for Agape Via Email August 4, 2023

Pastor Anne has a proposal she would like the Council to consider and potentially approve. The proposal is for Dave Scherer “Agape” to come to ERLC to lead a joint DEI/Social Justice Task Team and CYF night at a cost of \$1,000 with \$500 from the Employee Retention Credit, \$300 from Youth dedicated fund, and \$200 from general budget for speakers. All Council Members responded in approval of the proposal.