

# ERLC Council Meeting Minutes

## Elk River Lutheran Church, Elk River, MN - ELCA

The ERLC Council held a regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, March 21, 2023.**

### Call to Order

President Dave Katzner called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. Devotion by Matt Glasoe.

**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 Connie Natwick**

**Δ Jennifer Stanley**

Introductions were made by all current and new council members.

### 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.

A congregation member addressed the council reading the Good Samaritan and talked about the need for help with refugee services and how the church can help. Refugees are in need of help; most are good people looking for new life. The congregation member proposed the church invite a speaker from Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota (LSSMN) to speak at ERLC. The congregation member proposed to match a donation up to \$5000 to LSSMN refugee services and is asking the church to help.

Mark Johnson discussed that a congregation member asked about access to the sanctuary front with additional railing by the lectern-more discussion in building update.

### Action Items in BOLD

February Council meeting minutes review and approval (Matt Glasoe)

**Motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023, ERLC Council meeting made by Mark Johnson and seconded by Julie Marie Haugen. Approved. Motion carried.**

February finance report review and approval (Mark Johnson)

**Motion to approve the February finances presented with suggested changes made by the Treasurer; made by Tom Werk and seconded by Connie Natwick. Approved. Motion carried.**

### • New & Continuing Business:

- Building Update-Last Final items to be completed, wood bullnose selected, lighted cross almost done, outside cross damaged by Plaistads, they are repairing.
  - ♣ Window Film on old front doors to block out light and logo and upper "L" windows in the sanctuary Film to block out light and signage and new hours logo on new front doors. **Motion to approve up \$1800 for the window film and signage on doors and windows paid out of the building fund made by Mark Johnson and seconded by Jeff Schrock. Approved. Motion carried.**

- Sanctuary Railing addition. Add instructions to help guide ushers and helpers to know where the railings are located and use if needed. Educate members on where the railings are located and encourage use.
- Endowment fund – Excess cash to savings or CD? Tabled until next meeting and sent to endowment committee to provide recommendations to the Council.
- Communication/announcement procedure of funerals at church service or phone call for those who don't have access to email or computers, calling tree, will utilize call your neighbor or buddy system discussed by Pastor Anne and Tom Werk.

♣ Block Party May 21 and outreach and Summer Promotional Events costs. **Motion to approve \$1500 for the block party and summer promotional items paid out of the community outreach fund made by Julie Marie Haugen and seconded by Kent Larson. Approved. Motion carried.**

- Discussion on Refugee guest speaker from LSS, Pastor Nathan looking into how to incorporate into the sermon series. Request is a good idea and aligns with ERLC mission. Looking to Start Refugee Campaign at Easter through May.

• Additional updates from Pastor Nathan or Pastor Anne

- Re-start umbrella planning meetings, go through the entire year of events and plans. Meeting will be Sunday May 7, 2023 @ 11:45am

President Dave Katzner adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm. Dave Katzner led the council in The Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 6:30 p.m. at ERLC.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Glasoe, Secretary

Addendums - None