

***A Christ-centered community***

***welcoming all people and serving God through the Holy Spirit.***

**As our congregation's leaders, we hear the call to be authentic, affirming, and available.**

Council Meeting Agenda for August 23, 2022, at 6:30 PM

Council members present: Pastor Gary Kinkel, Erik Vangsness, Annie Rients, Kirsti Youngs, Sandy McCullough, Angel Zollner

**I. Gathering**

1. Call to order 6:36 p.m., Pastor Gary Kinkel
2. *Motion to approve agenda: Erik Vangsness / Annie Rients; carried*
3. *Motion to approve July council minutes: Annie Rients / Kirsti Youngs; carried*
4. Scripture and prayer: Pastor Gary Kinkel – The Council in the Word: Acts 19:35-20:1

**II. Discerning Our Mission**

1. Election of president – Pastor Gary Kinkel

*Motion to approve nomination of Sandy McCullough as Council President: Pastor Gary Kinkel / Annie Rients; carried*

1. Laptop for Pastor Gary Kinkel – tabled until September meeting
2. Logistics for Rally Sunday – Annie Rients
* Rally Sunday to be held on 9/11
* Sunday School to begin 9/18 prior to worship services
1. AED (Automated External Defibrillator) – Pastor Gary Kinkel

Erik Vangsness will investigate grant options for replacing the machine. In the short term, replacement of the battery and pads is needed.

*Motion to replace AED battery and pads: Annie Rients / Erik Vangsness; carried*

**III. Giving Thanks**

1. Progress on building issues – Pastor Gary Kinkel
* Brown cross belonging to St. John’s will be hung in the stairwell going to the fellowship hall
* We are seeking someone with a boiler operator license, preferably from St. John’s. Options will be explored.
* Snow removal planning – options will be explored.
1. Stewardship – Annie Rients

Planning has begun for 2023. Interested members can sign up on Rally Sunday.

1. Sunday School Teacher Recruitment – Annie Rients

A signup sheet has been circulated during worship services.

1. Future Music Director status – Pastor Gary Kinkel

Organist subs have been secured through the end of October. A recruitment committee has been formed and an ad for the position will be placed.

1. Treasurer’s Report – Erik Vangsness

*Motion to accept July financial reports: Annie Rients / Angel Zollner; carried*

*Motion to request $15,000 from ELCA line of credit for General Operating expenses: Kirsti Youngs / Annie Rients; carried*

**IV. Sending**

1. Review action items established—next council meeting date **September 20, 2022**
2. Closing Prayer – Sandy McCollough
3. Adjournment – *Motion to adjourn; Annie Rients / Sandy McCollough; carried 8:43 p.m*.

*Meeting Ground Rules: \*Keep it real, \* Everyone participates, \*Different opinions encouraged,*

*\*Disagree in private, \*Unite in public, \* Silence is agreement, \* Limit side conversations, \* Start on time, \*Follow through on action plans.*