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2023 Annual Meeting of the Knife River Lutheran Church

February 12, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order by President Bjorn Ojard

Quorum determined by acting Secretary Helene Hedlund – 52 people present

Opening prayer by Pastor Susan

Approval of Agenda - Motion and 2nd to approve **CARRIED**

Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes of 2022 pages 3-4 of Annual Report Packet

Motion and 2nd to approve **CARRIED**

Acknowledgment of Congregations Ministries and Leaders

Kay Struve will step back as newsletter chair. We will need another volunteer for 2023

Approval of Annual Reports, pages 6-21

- Gift of appreciation presented to Bjorn for his years of service as outgoing president.
- Sharon Shelerud was recognized as outgoing Secretary. She was unable to attend the meeting.
- A brief oral summary of reports as detailed in written reports included in packet was given.
- Landscape Report orally given by Nancy Dent as to progress. (cont. agenda item) Committee has been formed. This is a new committee and will be ongoing
 - Have met with Lake County to identify issues and resolutions as it relates to the plan
 - Found way to remove and/or move mosaics
 - SAS Architects have been hired (approved by council) to develop plan
 - Next steps. Committee will meet in March to review and identify progress... It was noted there is a lot to do.
- Motion and 2nd to approve annual reports **CARRIED**

Treasurer's Report – Ed reported the first 10 months donations were conservative, however the last two months giving increased that resulted in a very successful financial year.

- Motion and 2nd to approve Treasurer's Report **CARRIED**

2023 Budget - Highlights:

- The 2023 budget overall is 5.8 percentage lower than 2022
- Note changes to outreach giving processes
- 2023 will be a test year for the revised process. It will be assessed at the end of 2023 to determine if it will continue or needs to be modified.
- NOTE: ELCA World Hunger and God's Barnyard are components of qualifying for the Holy Cow Award.
- Thank to Ed and Michael for their work on KRLC finances!!
- Motion and 2nd to approve 2023 Budget **CARRIED**

Audit Report – Highlights:

- A detail review was conducted by Audit team. We couldn't ask for a better financial team. A hearty thank you!!!

Old Business - None

New Business

Constitutional Amendment

- Discussion as to need to clarify/amend constitution
- Issue came to light when we went to virtual meetings
- Motion and 2nd to add the following language to the election of Officers and Council
 - C11.02 “Unopposed nominees may be declared elected by unanimous ballot or acclamation”
 - C12.02 “Unopposed nominees may be declared by unanimous ballot or acclamation
 - Motion and 2nd to approve **CARRIED**

Thank you to Bjorn Ojard for his years of serving on Church Council and as President

- 2/09/14 Council 1 term; 2/24/2016 Vice President 1 year; 1/22/17 – 2/12/2023 President 3 terms

Thank you to Sharon Shelerud for her years of serving on Church Council and as Secretary

- 1/22/2017 – 2/12/23 as Secretary 3 terms

Election of Officers/Members at Larges -

The KRLC Nominating Committee presented a list of officers/members at large

Motion and 2nd to approve **CARRIED**

- President – Helene Hedlund 2025 (can serve 2 more 2 yr terms)
- Vice President – David Grong To fill Helen’s term ending 2024 (then can serve 3 more 2 year terms)
- Secretary – Jan Swanson 2025 (can serve 2 more 2 year terms)
- Treasurer – Ed Lee 2024 (can serve 2 more 2 year terms)
- Members at Large
 - Randi Alreck 2025 – Final Term
 - Nancy Dent 2025 (can serve 1 more 2 year term)
 - Bill Meyer 2024 (can serve 1 more 2 year term)
 - Vicki Gorman 2024 (can serve 2 more 2 year terms)
 - Kay Bloom 2025 (can serve 2 more 2 year terms)

2023 Auditors – Scott Jasperson & Craig Whiting – motion not required

2023 Synod Delegates – Last week of April or 1st week in May. Will be in person – Cragens Resort

- No one volunteered at this time. Council will recruit delegates
- No motion – ongoing until delegates recruited

Closing Remarks – President Bjorn Ojard

Closing Prayer – Pastor Susan

Adjourn – Motion and 2nd **CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted

Helene Hedlund – Acting Secretary