

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS for July 2024

Council Actions and Information

Council Continuing Business

Several items of Continuing Business were addressed within the July Council Meeting.

- Several items were reviewed from the Social Justice Committee: successful use of the land acknowledgement at the beginning of each church service; gift cards as fund-raising opportunity for Matt Christensen (son of Tom & Sharon Christensen); plans for the upcoming Pride Parade and for a banner to display on our property; Café Justo coffee sampling planned during the August 18th Coffee Hour.
- There was a lively discussion about how best to encourage members/visitors to wear name tags while attending functions at KoG. It was decided that Greeters and Ushers can be very helpful with reminders and other members can role-model this request.
- A motion was made, seconded and approved that non-designated memorial contributions be automatically added to the KoG Endowment Fund.
- AVI-Neurilink technology improvements now postponed for installation until the August 2024 timeframe to be best able to pay for the remainder of the costs for this project.
- Still pending: A church key audit is planned to get a more accurate idea of who has church keys and who no longer has a need for a key and can return those key(s).
- Still pending: More revisions are needed to the Church Constitution within Chapter 13 for the sections that describe the composition and function of the Audit Committee. These updates will be presented at the next Annual Congregational Meeting in January, 2025. On June 24, these revisions submitted to NWIM, synod constitutional review committee, for their input.
- Still pending: plans for creating documentation of Church Inventory (Carolyn Jean Smith and Mary Rickerd)
- Still pending: every other year church financial audit by third party expert.

Council Reports

The standing agenda includes review of the previous month's meeting minutes, the previous month's financial reports and an update from the KoG LEAP/Veolia Task Force. We also receive reports from Pastor Connie for pastoral acts and upcoming plans and from Steve Eulberg for Music Ministry updates. Requests for copies of these reports can be made by emailing Becky Newberry at semgoddessid@gmail.com. Otherwise, the weekly email blasts and Sunday morning bulletin announcements cover these topics in depth as well.

For reports from other committees supported by a council liaison, please use this link:

<https://www.koglutheran.org/committees>

LEAP/Veolia Task Force Report

LEAP/Veolia Task Force Report – for LEAP we are renegotiating the closing date to **August 1**, due to some unforeseen details with the contractor doing a sewer extension/cap, which will push the submission of the Minor Land Division to the County for recording to the end of July. For Veolia we are reviewing a draft version of the cross-access easement agreements for both the Community Well Parcel and for one for the Ustick Water Tank purchase, which was not done at the time of that sale in 1980. These easements are located along the south and east sides of the church property. The ELCA Mission Investment Fund has approved a partial release of the Church Mortgage loan so that the funds received can be allocated to the Capital Improvement Fund rather than having to be applied to the mortgage balance.