

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS for May 2024

Council Actions and Information

Council Continuing Business

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

- A presentation was given by Kurt Borm, KoG Financial Secretary, on the plans to migrate cloud computing for tracking church contributions from IconCMO to Planning Center: Giving. This also necessitates a migration from using Vanco Payments for electronic payments to Stripe. Cost comparisons are favorable and Council members approve of this plan which will be rolled out later this summer and into the fall.
- A team of KoG Counters has been formed and will begin their training and duties, following Sunday morning service, starting on June 2nd.
- The software module responsible for the Church Directory (Planning Center: Church Center) will be rolled out this coming June and July. Rebecca Darga, Administrative Assistant, has created the schedule and will mastermind the training and coordination of this effort.
- Two Information Update Sessions for the Congregation are planned for after the service on Sunday, June 16 and Sunday, June 30. Topics to be presented include the budget status, looking ahead towards Fall Stewardship Drive and latest information on LEAP/Veolia projects.
- Updates are being made to the KoG Wedding Guide document and the reception information for both weddings and memorial services.
- 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.
- 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

KoG Task Force met by Zoom on April 26 with attorney Anne Kunkel, for final review of the redlined documents for both LEAP and Veolia. Currently working with Veolia to finalize PSA and cross-access agreement(s). We cannot find a record that a cross use agreement was drafted with Boise Water Corp back in 1980 when land was sold for the building of the Ustick Water Tank. For LEAP, they have proposed a closing date of 7/19/2024 for the sale of that land parcel.