

Mountain View Lutheran Church

Sunday 19 November 2017

Congregational Meeting

MINUTES

Attendance

95 voting members of Mountain View Lutheran Church.

Call to order

President Sonja Dahl declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order. President Sonja led a devotion based upon the parable of the talents (Matthew 25), focusing on the notion that “Jesus invites us into the adventure of faith.” Then she led the congregation in prayer.

Approval of minutes

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of both the Sunday 21 May 2017 Congregational Meeting and the Sunday 25 June 2017 Special Meeting of the Congregation.

MVLC Constitution

A Constitutional Review Committee has been working on making the MVLC Constitution compliant with the ELCA Model Constitution, the latter of which has been changed three times since our last revision.

2017 Spending Guideline

The proposed 2018 Spending Guideline was presented, including the following highlights:

- A review of 2017 Benevolences and 2017 completed Property projects.
- A review of various account balances, such as the *Former Things*, *New Things* capital campaign, mortgage (balance of \$2,160,298 as of 11/19/2017), Mission Endowment Fund, and checking/saving accounts.

- The proposed 2018 Spending Guideline categories, with monetary and percentage increases/decreases when compared to the 2017 Spending Guideline.

○ Pastoral	\$238,825	+\$29,843	+14.3%
○ Admin	\$286,789	+\$3,989	+1.4%
○ Benevolence	\$171,766	+\$7,733	+4.7%
○ Program	\$98,104	-\$50,887	-34.2%
○ Property	\$115,500	+\$17,387	+17.7%
○ Debt Service	\$148,344	-\$5,799	-3.8%

- The need to be “mobile” in staffing.
- The upcoming interview with a candidate for Associate Pastor.
- The savings in our music ministry.
- Rock Ministry requires ongoing additional attention, which will include a 10-hour per week Youth Director.
- Members of the congregation have been faithful to pledges to the *Former Things, New Things* campaign, and need to be likewise faithful to general giving.

It was M/S/P to adopt the 2018 Spending Guideline in the amount of \$1,031,941. (90 approve, 4 reject.)

Adjournment

Pastor John publicly thanked the various members of the staff for their work over the past year. President Sonja Dahl publicly thanked Pastor John for his work over the past year, and for the blessing his leadership is to the congregation.

Pastor John provided a benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
Troy Kehm-Goins
Recording Secretary