

Mountain View Lutheran Church • Church Council Meeting
Thursday 11 January 2018 • 6:30 p.m.
MVLC Library

Minutes

Attendance

Present: Michael Brauhn, Jason Cornell, Sonja Dahl, Becca Duskin, Ken Swanson, Jon Thieman, Pastor John Vaswig, Karin Weberg, Keith Wright.

Absent: Walt Freed, Julie Williams.

Staff: Troy Kehm-Goins.

Call to order

President Sonja Dahl called the meeting to order.

Devotions

Michael Brauhn led devotions based upon Hebrews 11, the faith chapter. The council prayed together.

Minutes

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of both the Tuesday 21 November 2017 and Tuesday 05 December 2017 meetings of the MVLC Church Council.

MVLC financial update

Treasurer Jon Thieman spoke regarding the following:

- December 2017 was the strongest month of giving at MVLC ever! (Almost \$146,000.)
- 2017 also saw the highest annual giving to MVLC ever!
- Giving to the general fund in 2017 was up 5 percent, with an additional \$750,000 given to the capital campaign.
- More than \$4 million was given to MVLC over the past three years—2015, 2016, and 2017.
- President Sonja Dahl will make an announcement to the congregation, regarding thankfulness for 2017 giving, after both worship services on Sunday 14 January 2018.

Additional 2017 benevolence

It was M/S/P to allocate an additional \$9,400 in benevolence for 2017, with half being distributed to Bright Stars of Bethlehem, due to the upcoming MVLC trip to Palestine/Israel; and half being distributed to Medical Teams International, due to their mission work in Bangladesh.

Staffing update #1 • Parish Worker

Marlene Wright was offered and accepted the Parish Worker position, starting on Friday 16 February 2018, pending council approval.

It was M/S/P to hire Marlene Wright as Parish Worker, as per the presented compensation package.

Staffing update #2 • Associate Pastor

The Associate Pastor Call Committee will be conducting a second interview with candidate Melissa Johnson on Thursday 18 January 2018.

Pastor's report

Pastor John Vaswig spoke regarding the following:

- Gretchen Johnsrud has tendered her resignation from the MVLC Church Council, due to her new role as Youth Programs Lead at the Mountain View Community Center.
- Keith Wright will tender his resignation from the MVLC Church Council, due to his wife Marlene Wright starting her new role as MVLC Parish Worker.
- The need to appoint at least one person to fill the newly vacant council positions.
- Continuing the "Come and See" concept at the 1/31 and 2/7 sessions of ExALT: Extraordinary Active Life Together. The notion is a Mountain View Lutheran 101 class, which (a) is non-threatening and allows for questions; (b) explains who we are; and (c) explains what we do.
- The upcoming 2018 Benevolence and Ministry Fair.

MVCC update

The executive teams of both Mountain View Lutheran Church and the Mountain View Community Center continue to meet on a regular basis to discuss concerns about resources to keep the MVCC operating.

Bookkeeper compensation

It was M/S/P to approve compensation for Church Administrator Phil Edlund to serve as bookkeeper, effective June 01, 2017, in the amount of \$7,500 per year.

Audit committees

Members of the 2014, 2015, and 2016 audit committees have been selected.

2014: Jon Edmonds, Bob Linden, Laura Livingston.

2015: Carol Power, Karen Treneer, Bob Yost.

2016: Ken Edmonds, Chuck Huber, Linda Smith.

Council retreat

Sonja Dahl and Michael Brauhn will work on planning the content for the upcoming (2/23 and 2/24/2018) retreat of the Church Council.

Letters

Letters from Sam and Cindy Jones to the Church Council were distributed to the members.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the MVLC Church Council is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday 23 January 2018. Sonja Dahl leads devotions.

Adjournment

Ken Swanson “prayed us out.”

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Kehm-Goins
Recording Secretary