

Mountain View Lutheran Church • Church Council Meeting  
Tuesday 06 February 2018 • 6:30 p.m.  
MVLC Library

Minutes

Attendance

Present: Michael Brauhn, Jason Cornell, Sonja Dahl, Becca Duskin, Walt Freed, Ken Swanson, Pastor John Vaswig, Lynn Wadnizak, Karin Weberg, Keith Wright.

Absent: Julie Williams.

Staff: Troy Kehm-Goins.

Call to order

President Sonja Dahl called the meeting to order.

Devotions

Becca Duskin led devotions based upon Deuteronomy 20:16-18; Joshua 6:21; Joshua 11:20; and the God of the Old Testament contrasted with Jesus as God manifest in the New Testament. The council prayed together.

Appointment to 2017-2018 Church council

**It was M/S/P to appoint Lynn Wadnizak to complete the Church Council term of Gretchen Johnsrud, through May 31, 2018.**

Minutes

**It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Tuesday 23 February 2018 meeting of the MVLC Church Council.**

MVLC financial update

Church Administrator Phil Edlund gave a financial update that showed year-to-date giving to be \$21,642 below the 2018 Spending Guideline, as well as a few larger-than-normal expenditures for January 2018—\$9,400 in one-time additional benevolence based on 2017's actual offering; \$4,800 in one-time annual Health Saving Account contributions for eligible staff; and \$7,500 to the annual "continuing education" accrual.

Pastor's report

Pastor John Vaswig spoke regarding the following:

- Celebration of Life Church using the Chapel as the home location of their worship and ministry. The MVLC Executive Team will meet with the leadership of Celebration of Life to talk through details of facility usage and establish a probationary period for said usage.
- This Sunday (2/11) will see 16 new members joining the congregation.
- The "blessings/woes" Lenten midweeks are ready to begin.
- Meeting with Eloise Homan and Pat Clement about the possibilities of having the MVCC serve as overnight transitional housing for the homeless, although he cautioned them about the need to "mind the gaps."
- Being asked by Bright Stars of Bethlehem to participate in a visioning meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 March 2018. Bright Stars will pay for hotel accommodations, meals, and the like. MVLC would have to pay for the flight and an extra night at the hotel.

**It was M/S/P to allocate funds for Pastor John to attend the Bright Stars visioning event.**

Church Council retreat

The MVLC Church Council had preliminary discussions to their upcoming (2/23 and 2/24) retreat, which centered upon the notion of participating in congregational life; "enfleshing" education; and how to inspire, invite, and involve others in all of the above.

Nominating Committee

With the need to activate the Nominating Committee to identify, recruit, and interview candidates for the 2018-2019 Nominating Committee and the 2018-2019 Church Council, President Sonja asked members of the current council to let her know of their willingness of whether or not to serve another term no later than the council retreat.

Associate Pastor Call Committee update

Associate Pastor Call Committee chairperson Michael Brauhn gave an update on the status of the committee, especially inviting another candidate to the MVLC campus for an interview.

“Faith Over Fear”

Members of the MVLC Church Council assented to bringing this “roadshow” event to our campus.

Keith Wright

With the departure of MVLC Church Council member Keith Wright due to his wife Marlene joining the staff as Parish Worker, Pastor John thanked him for his leadership and willingness to serve.

Next meeting

The next regular meeting of the MVLC Church Council is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday 06 March 2018. Jason Cornell leads devotions.

Adjournment

Michael Brauhn “prayed us out.”

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Kehm-Goins  
Recording Secretary