

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

Minutes

Attendance

Present: Michael Brauhn, Jason Cornell, Sonja Dahl, Becca Duskin, Ken Swanson, Pastor John Vaswig, Lynn Wadnizak, Karin Weberg, Julie Williams.

Absent: Walt Freed.

Staff: Troy Kehm-Goins.

Call to order

President Sonja Dahl called the meeting to order.

Devotions

Jason Cornell led devotions based upon the concept of *trust*, Isaiah 40:27-31; and Proverbs 3:5-6. The council prayed together.

Minutes

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Tuesday 06 March 2018 meeting of the MVLC Church Council.

MVLC financial update

Giving for January and February 2018 is down from the Spending Guideline approximately \$25,000, which is a bit unfortunate considering how well giving was at the end of 2017. We are relying on March and April 2018 to “catch us up.” We need to use this shortfall as a conversation piece, especially as we look at calling a new Associate Pastor.

The idea of another capital campaign, distinct from the ***Former Things, New Things***, to help pay down the mortgage on the new buildings, was raised.

Pastor's report

Pastor John Vaswig spoke regarding the following:

- Clergy are pleased when manifestations of the Holy Spirit moving in the life of parishioners are seen and experienced.
- The difficulty of preaching on the “blessings/woes” theme for the Lenten midweeks.
- The Easter Vigil Planning Team met on Saturday and is working on preparing for this service.
- Wendy Wadnizak is joining the Stewardship Ministry Group.
- His upcoming work with the Bright Stars vision 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.

Associate Pastor Call Committee update.

The Associate Pastor Call Committee was unanimously impressed and excited about recommending Associate Pastor candidate Briana Merkle to the Church Council. A special meeting of the congregation will be called for Sunday 25 March 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the Life Together Hall, for purposes of the congregation issuing a call to her.

It was M/S/P that, as the Associate Pastor Call Committee unanimously recommends to the MVLC Church Council that candidate Briana Merkle be called to Mountain View Lutheran Church, the MVLC Church Council unanimously affirms the Calls Committee's recommendation and likewise recommends her to the congregation for purposes of her being called to Mountain View Lutheran Church.

2018-2019 Church Council

Michael Brauhn, Jason Cornell, Sonja Dahl, Becca Duskin, Ken Swanson, Karin Weberg, and Julie Williams have agreed to be on the ballot to serve another one-year term as members of the MVLC Church Council in 2018-2019. Appointed member Lynn Wadnizak has also agreed to appear on the ballot. The Nominating Committee will therefore recruit, interview, and recommend two additional persons for the ballot, for a total of ten council members in 2018-2019.

Boy Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 525 brought two to the attention of the Church Council. First, they asked if they could pursue a burn permit for flag retirement to take place at an upcoming “campout” on MVLC property, which was approved. Second, they asked about usage of the parking lot for an event on a Saturday morning, which was denied, due the large number of cars involved in MVLC, MVCC, and Edgewood Food Bank events on Saturday mornings.

Small Groups

Council members will lead one or two evenings of ExALT (5/16 and/or 5/23) to roll out the council-led small groups, which were “birthed” at the recent council retreat.

Next meeting

The next regular meeting of the MVLC Church Council is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday 20 March 2018. Julie Williams leads devotions.

Adjournment

Becca Duskin “prayed us out.”

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Kehm-Goins
Recording Secretary