

Mountain View Lutheran Church • Church Council Meeting
Tuesday 24 April 2018 • 6: 30 p.m.
MVLC Library

Minutes

Attendance

Present: Jason Cornell, Sonja Dahl, Becca Duskin, Walt Freed, Ken Swanson, Pastor John Vaswig, Lynn Wadnizak, Julie Williams.

Absent: Karin Weberg.

Staff: Troy Kehm-Goins.

Call to order

President Sonja Dahl called the meeting to order.

Devotions

Sonja Dahl led devotions based upon the concepts of *thankfulness* and *gratitude*, Ephesians 5:19-20; Philippians 4:12; and Thessalonians 5:16-17. The council prayed together.

Minutes

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Tuesday 10 April 2018 meeting of the MVLC Church Council.

Financial update

A written financial update from Church Administrator Phil Edlund was reviewed and discussed, including the following highlights:

- Giving remains about \$17,000 below budgeted amounts year-to-date, and about event with 2017.
- After month-end payroll, reserves are at \$27,000, and are estimated to be approximately \$37,000 at the end of the month.
- A letter from President Sonja Dahl will accompany year-to-date giving statements, which will be sent to the congregation on Friday 04 May 2018.
- Pastor John spoke of the need for a debt reduction campaign for fall 2019.

Pastor's report

Pastor John Vaswig spoke regarding the following:

- Attendance was down the past two weeks, both for Sunday morning worship and ExALT Wednesday evenings.
- The 5/2 and 5/9 MVLC-member-led ExALT classes are being prepared and will be facilitated by Barry Johnsrud and Ken Edmonds, respectively.
- There will be a “stewardship breakfast” between services on All Saints Sunday, with a team currently working on planning the event.

Small groups

The council-led small groups are still being planned. It was decided to call this new relational ministry “Friends in Faith,” based upon John 15:5—“ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.”

Palestinian trip update

Pastor John gave an update on the recent trip of members of MVLC to the Holy Land—to meeting with benevolence partners, learn more about the plight of the Palestinian people, and visit religious sites.

Next meeting

The next regular meeting of the MVLC Church Council is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday 08 May 2018 in the Library. Lynn Wadnizak leads devotions.

Adjournment

Julie Williams “prayed us out.”

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Kehm-Goins
Recording Secretary