

Mountain View Lutheran Church • Church Council Meeting
Tuesday 10 July 2018 • 6:30 p.m.
MVLC Library

Minutes

Attendance

Present: Jason Cornell, Sonja Dahl, Becca Duskin, Bob Linden, Ken Swanson, Emily Thompson, Pastor John Vaswig, Lynn Wadnizak, Julie Williams.

Absent: Karin Weberg.

Staff: Pastor Briana Merkle.

Guests: Jesie Holden, Kim Lawson.

Call to order

President Sonja Dahl called the meeting to order.

Devotions

Becca Duskin led devotions based upon Psalm 139. The council prayed together.

Mountain View Community Center (MVCC)

Jesie Holden, the new MVCC Executive Director, shared her gratitude and joy to rejoin the community at both MVLC and MVCC. Her immediate focus is on (a) how the MVCC can better serve the community through programs and services; and (b) looking for ways that MVCC and MVLC can partner together, such as the GO Team working alongside the MVCC at community events.

Minutes

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Wednesday 20 June 2018 meeting of the MVLC Church Council.

“God’s work. Our hands.”

The MVLC GO Team reported on its “skeleton” plan for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s (ELCA) “God’s work. Our hands.” day of service. The GO Team will expand the day of service into a weekend of service, with community service projects on Saturday 9/8 and campus service projects on Sunday 9/9. The GO Team is looking to identify “champions” from the congregation to choose a task to lead and then recruit members to help implement it.

Financial update

The Church Council reviewed the monthly financial snapshot from Church Administrator Phil Edlund, as well as other financial information.

Pastor’s report • Associate Pastor

Pastor Briana Merkle spoke regarding the following:

- “Shipwrecked” Vacation Bible School is going well, much of which is due to a group of great volunteers.
- VBS attendance is down, partly due to the absence of kids from the MVCC’s summer camp.
- Cottage meetings are going well.
- Rock Ministry is being reviewed, but definitely needs to be more substantial.

Pastor’s report • Senior Pastor

Pastor John Vaswig spoke regarding the following:

- The ExALT schedule is being planned. It will begin with four weeks of Pastor John teaching on anger, followed by two weeks of MVLC members presenting on their recent trip to Washington DC for a conference on advocacy and the Middle East.
- Teaching a four-week class for new members on Sundays in September and early October.
- Continuing to meet with the Lutheran-Catholic ecumenical leadership group.
- Lunch with new MVCC Executive Director Jesie Holden and MVCC Emeritus Board Member Barney Wagner.

Council retreat

President Sonja Dahl proposed a council retreat to discuss MVLC’s mission and vision, either on October 12/13 or October 19/20.

Painting of the Gym

A proposal from Ken's Quality Wood Finishing & Painting for the painting of the exterior of the Gym was presented.

It was M/S/P to approve the proposal.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the MVLC Church Council is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday 07 August 2018 in the Library. Bob Linden leads devotions.

Adjournment

Bob Linden "prayed us out."

Minutes recorded by Vice-President Jason Cornell.

Respectfully transcribed and submitted,

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Recording Secretary