

Mountain View Lutheran Church • Church Council Meeting  
Tuesday 07 August 2018 • 6:30 p.m.  
MVLC Library

Minutes

Attendance

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

Absent: Sonja Dahl.

Staff: Phil Edlund, Troy Kehm-Goins, Pastor Briana Merkle.

Call to order

Vice-president Jason Cornell called the meeting to order.

Devotions

Bob Linden led devotions based upon Exodus 16:14-21; John 6:32-35; and the notion of accumulation and clutter versus “they gathered what they needed.” The council prayed together.

Minutes

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

Financial update

Church Administrator Phil Edlund spoke regarding the following:

- July 2018 giving being down \$16,557 from the Spending Guideline and being down \$6,510 when compared to July 2017 giving.
- \$14,000 is available in a designated fund for campus artwork and the “Luther’s seal” stained glass window.
- Toward the end of 2018, we will re-amortize the building mortgage loan.
- We are still waiting for the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts to transfer their funds under the financial management of MVLC. The Venture Crew has already done such.

Pastor's report • Associate Pastor

Pastor Briana Merkle spoke regarding the following:

- Recent continuing education at a conference in Nebraska.
- Cottage meetings are drawing to a close.
- Meeting with Rock Ministry mentors from various age groups.
- New curricula for the middle school and high school groups.
- An upcoming meeting with parents of high school youth.
- Planning the ExALT classes for kids and youth.

Pastor's report • Senior Pastor

Pastor John Vaswig spoke regarding the following:

- Pastor Bri's upcoming installation service.
- Continued pastoral care and response to deaths.
- Preparing four weeks of an ExALT class on anger.
- Preparing four weeks of a New Member class.
- A recommended read: *The Soul of America* by John Meacham.
- The "legalistic" splitting/scheduling of pastoral care/response duties between Pastor John and Pastor Bri.
- A proposed new banner for the Sanctuary.

**It was M/S/P that the Stewardship Ministry Group is authorized to figure out what funds to use to proceed on having a banner created for the "Fellowship of the Light" congregational theme, up to, but not to exceed, \$2,500.**

**It was M/S/P to modify the MVLC Funeral Handbook to include a \$150 administrative fee as part of costs.**

"God's work. Our hands."

GO Team Chairperson Julie Williams gave an update of preparations for the "God's work. Our hands." days of service on Saturday 9/8 and Sunday 9/9.

Council retreat

Jason Cornell is working on locating a place for a Church Council retreat on 10/19 and 10/20.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the MVLC Church Council is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday 28 August 2018 in the Library. Ken Swanson leads devotions.

Adjournment

Ken Swanson “prayed us out.”

Troy Kehm-Goins

Recording Secretary