

Mountain View Lutheran Church • Church Council Meeting  
Tuesday 05 September 2017 • 6:30 p.m.  
MVLC Library

Minutes

Attendance

Present: Michael Brauhn, Jason Cornell, Sonja Dahl, Becca Duskin, Gretchen Johnsrud, Ken Swanson, Jon Thieman, Pastor John Vaswig, Karin Weberg, Julie Williams, Keith Wright.

Absent: Walt Freed.

Guest: Sam Jones.

Staff: Troy Kehm-Goins.

Call to order

President Sonja Dahl called the meeting to order. She welcomed MVLC member Sam Jones to the meeting, who was visiting and observing.

Devotions

Jason Cornell led devotions based upon the notion of change, our reluctance to change, and the opportunity of change to result in transformation. He also referred to Matthew 16:21-28 and Exodus 3—4. The council prayed together.

MVLC financial update

Treasurer Jon Thieman gave a financial update. Highlights included:

- The income for the month of August 2017 was \$69,597, which was \$589 more than the monthly spending guideline of \$69,008.
- The expenses for the month of August 2017 were \$74,607, which was \$4,349 more than the monthly guideline of \$70,258. Some of the additional expenses include soffit repair on the Education Building, higher than anticipated custodial costs, and the visit of a Music Director candidate.
- It is possible that the unrestricted funds in our savings account will be close to depletion at the end of September if the third quarter benevolences are paid and giving does not increase.

- Giving toward the capital campaign of the **Former Things, New Things** Building Project is 116% of pledges for the year, accounted for due to early giving and extra giving.
- The proposed 2018 Spending Guideline will be presented during Adult Education on Sunday 08 October 2017.

#### Pastor's report

Pastor John Vaswig spoke regarding the following:

- Two deaths of congregational members within the past 24 hours has made for some intense pastoral care.
- People are not prepared for dying, death, and memorial/funeral services. There is a need for people to start planning for such now.
- The start of the 2017-2018 "school year" of ExALT: Extraordinary Active Life Together, with University of Washington Tacoma Professor Turan Kayaoglu teaching a five-week course on "An Introduction to Islam."
- Changes to the MVLC website.
- Leading the Women's Bible study on Thursday 07 September 2017.
- Teaching Sunday Adult Education with Bruce Sisco, starting on Sunday 17 September 2017.
- The recent visit of members of a Chinese delegation to work with MVLC benevolence partner China Partners Network.

#### Music Director conversation

Members of the MVLC Church Council discussed the recent visit of Music Director candidate Stacie Lightner, and whether or not she would be a good fit for the staffing model and culture of the congregation.

#### Gathering Day

Gathering Day is Sunday 10 September 2017. Director of Family Discipleship Seth Hecox will lead those gathered in an "icebreaker" game, followed by a short "Flat Luther" video, and Gretchen Johnsrud speaking about the upcoming Congregational Retreat.

#### Former Things, New Things building walkthrough

Michael Brauhn, head of the Building Oversight Committee, spoke about the walkthrough that took place with contractor BPCI and architect AustinCina Architects, in regard to the one-year warranty on workmanship of the **Former Things, New Things** project. The walkthrough was "really good," with a well-prepared list of items to check from Church Administrator Phil Edlund, as well as the good work of the architect and

contractor, exacting supervision of the Building Oversight Committee throughout the project, and the willingness for both sides to engage in constant communication.

MVCC copy machine

The current copy machine at the Mountain View Community Center is leased. The MVCC is hoping to purchase the copy machine, with MVCC paying half of the cost and MVLC loaning half of the cost, to be repaid by MVCC at \$90 per month for the next 35 months.

**It was M/S/P to decline the request of the MVCC.**

Wine at MVCC event

The MVCC requested being allowed to serve wine at an upcoming event. The Church Council discussed the request, but took no action.

Constitution update

Jason Cornell has made some of the requested changes to the MVLC Constitution, and will now recruit some individuals to serve as a Constitutional Review Committee.

Youth Vision Team

With Director of Family Discipleship transitioning off of staff and into the pastoral call process early next year, there will be a need for more congregational member involvement in youth ministry.

Next meeting

The next meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday 19 September 2017 in the MVLC Library. Julie Williams leads devotions.

Adjournment

Sonja Dahl “prayed us out.”

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Kehm-Goins, Recording Secretary