

Mountain View Lutheran Church – Church Council Meeting

Tuesday 17 October 2017 – 6:30pm

MVLC Library

Minutes

Attendance: Sonja Dahl, Keith Wright, Ken Swanson, Jason Cornell, Gretchen Johnsrud, Julie Williams

Absent: Michael Brauhn, Becca Duskin, Karin Weberg, Walt Freed, Pastor John Vaswig

Call to Order

President Sonja Dahl called the meeting to order at 6:33pm in the MVLC Library.

Devotions

Ken Swanson led devotions.

2017 Budget review

Sonja provided an update on financials emailed to her by Church Administrator Phil Edlund.

Excerpts from Phil's email;

“Our total YTD giving is \$736,873, which is about \$29,750 below the expected YTD giving of \$766,625 ... We need to receive another \$28,000 during the remaining 2 Sundays in October to reach expected giving levels for the month of October and another \$60,966 to reach expected giving levels YTD through the end of October.”

“We also received another \$51,024 toward the capital campaign, bringing our YTD total to \$177,949. \$50,000 was the one-time estate gift that we have been expecting.” The payment will be applied as additional principal. “After the payment posts, we will request the re-amortization of the remaining payments.”

The council continued our discussion on how to stymie the shortfall of our weekly giving. While brainstorming, we discussed opportunities to help educate the Congregation on how and why we give away so much on benevolences. An idea was shared that we should begin posting benevolence recipients outside the church office with information on the charities mission and how to support them.

Congregational Retreat

There are currently 105 people registered for the Congregational Retreat on 10/27 and 10/28. This is up from 55 people registered as of 9/19. The team is currently prepping for the next two weeks of ExALT.

ExALT

At the previous council meeting it was shared that we do not have topics for the ExALT program on 11/8, 11/15, and 11/29 (no ExALT on 11/22 due to Thanksgiving).

It was quickly noted that 11/29 should be the 1st week of Advent and is already spoken for.

The Council discussed bringing in some of the benevolence recipients to share their mission, but this didn't get much traction due to the effort of coordinating with the outside groups and the short amount of time to do so.

Alternatives to ExALT were suggested for those weeks. These included hosting fellowship (continuing the theme of the Congregational retreat) and/or cancelling ExALT on 11/8 & 11/15 and redirecting the Congregation to the Seeds of Change dinners on Thursdays for those two weeks.

Congregational Meeting

The next Congregational meeting will be held on Nov 19th following 2nd service. Ken Swanson confirmed that "there will be lunch at the meeting."

The current meeting agenda is as follows;

- Constitutional Update – Jason Cornell
- Budget Update – Sonja & Phil
- Approval of 2018 Spending Guidelines – Sonja & Phil

Next Meeting

The next meeting is at 6:30pm on Thursday 09 November 2017 in the MVLC Library.

Adjournment

Keith Wright "prayed us out" at 7:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Cornell (acting, acting secretary).