

Mountain View Lutheran Church • Church Council Meeting
Tuesday 21 November 2017 • 6:30 p.m.
MVLC Library

Minutes

Attendance

Present: Michael Brauhn, Jason Cornell, Sonja Dahl, Becca Duskin, Walt Freed, Ken Swanson, Pastor John Vaswig, Karin Weberg.

Absent: Gretchen Johnsrud, Julie Williams, Keith Wright.

Staff: Troy Kehm-Goins.

Call to order

President Sonja Dahl called the meeting to order.

Devotions

Walt Freed led devotions based upon the concept of “kindness” and recognizing the good in others. The council prayed together.

Approval of minutes

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Tuesday 09 November 2017 meeting of the Church Council.

MVLC financial update

End of year finances were discussed, including the following:

- Year-to-date total giving, as of 11/21/2018, is \$834,219, which is \$26,000 below expected giving. But, at the same time, it is \$5,200 above last year’s comparable year-to-date giving.
- Pastor John asked is everyone could identify something they have sacrificially given up to be part of the body of Christ. If you cannot, then you are not living sacrificially as a disciple!
- Our 2018 Spending Guideline vote was not typical. 90 voted to approve it, while only 4 voted to reject it. That vote was a sign of joy, hope, and appreciation.

Pastor's report

Pastor John Vaswig spoke regarding the following:

- His gratefulness for the **New Birth • Living Hope** joint Lutheran-Catholic worship service.
- Lutheran and Catholic clergy meeting on Thursday 11/16, after the NBLH worship service, to discuss next steps. The hope is to not duplicate the worship event, but perhaps follow up with a community meal and/or education event.
- \$360 from the MVLC All Saints (Wednesday 11/1) worship was added to the NBLH offering.
- The need for council members, spouses, and their children to RSVP for the 11/29 dinner with the Associate Pastor candidate.
- Pastor John has had a conversation with Pastor Glenn about his impending 12/31 retirement, as well as Pastor Glenn's willingness to help with altar and pulpit supply, as needed, until an Associate Pastor is called.

Mountain View Community Center

MVCC Council Liaison Walt Freed spoke regarding the following:

- The MVCC Annual Report for fiscal year 2017.
- Outstanding grant requests total \$102,000.
- A \$10,000 grant was received from the Names Family Foundation.
- The MVCC Board of Directors is developing a search committee for a permanent Executive Director, with the hope of having someone in that position by June 2018.
- The MVLC and MVCC executive teams will meet together once per month.

South Sound Homeschoolers Association lease agreement

The council agreed to the SSHSA lease agreement, for use of the Education Building two to three times per month, by assent, but expressed some minor concerns that they hope will be answered and/or addressed.

Next meeting

The next meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday 05 December 2017 in the MVLC Library. Keith Wright leads devotions.

Adjournment

Becca Duskin "prayed us out."

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Kehm-Goins
Recording Secretary