

Mountain View Lutheran Church • Church Council Meeting
Tuesday 08 January 2019 • 6: 30 p.m.
MVLC Library

Minutes

Attendance

Present: Jason Cornell, Sonja Dahl, Bob Linden, Ken Swanson, Emily Thompson, Lynn Wadnizak, Karin Weberg, Julie Williams.

Staff: Troy Kehm-Goins, Pastor Briana Merkle, Pastor John Vaswig.

Call to order

President Sonja Dahl called the meeting to order.

Devotions

Bob Linden led devotions based upon Matthew 2:1-12, the Epiphany of Our Lord, and the notion of encountering Jesus in our lives. The council prayed together.

Minutes

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Tuesday 11 December 2018 meeting of the MVLC Church Council.

Financial update

President Sonja Dahl gave a 2018 year-end financial update based upon documents provided by Church Administrator Phil Edlund.

- “We ended up about \$19,725 below budgeted giving levels at \$1,012,218 (the first time that general fund giving has exceeded \$1 million) versus the Spending Guideline amount of \$1,031,941.”
- “Since we ended up with \$15,560 more income in 2018 than in 2017, there is an additional \$2,723 in additional benevolence to distribute from 2018. This also places our 2019 benevolence allocation at \$177,138 (an increase of \$4,938 from 2018).”
- Considering the housing crisis in Pierce County, the Church Council proposed using the additional 2018 benevolence for housing needs and to address homelessness.
- A cardstock “offering card,” for those who give electronically to place in the offering plate during worship, will be created soon.

Pastor's report • Associate Pastor

Pastor Briana Merkle spoke regarding the following:

- The Christmas break gathering of MVLC college students didn't happen due to a lack of people able to participate.
- On Sunday 1/6, there was a Rock Ministry "Family Day" event. We are simultaneously trying to lift up more family-oriented events and lift up the church seasons in the lives of MVLC families.
- On Sunday 1/13, there will be a stewardship event for children and youth in grades 1-7, their parents, and their Rock Ministry mentors.
- On Sunday 1/13, there will be a joint fellowship event for high school youth from Mountain View Lutheran, Pilgrim Lutheran, and Celebration Lutheran.
- Casserole orders for the Souper Bowl of Caring are forthcoming.
- Preparing adults of the congregation to lead the children's ExALT classes during the six weeks of the adult "Marriage and Family" ExALT class.
- Reading and researching for the "family" portion of the "Marriage and Family" class.
- The high school Rock Ministry class will be discussing issues of mental health, depression, and drug use in January and February.
- The 2019 Vacation Bible School team will be put together soon.
- Working with the Peace and Justice Ministry Group to help promote the interfaith worship service at Urban Grace Church of Tacoma on Sunday 1/20.

Pastor's report • Senior Pastor

Pastor John Vaswig spoke regarding the following:

- Working on the "marriage" outlines for the "Marriage and Family."
- Working on the "A Salt and Light in the World (The Sermon on the Mount)" adult education class.
- Preparing for three Saturday classes with the Deacons, in order to ready them for acting as a "second tier" of pastoral response to those who are hospitalized or in urgent/emergent health crises.
- The splendor of Christmas Eve worship, including wonderful music and good attendance.
- Attendance for worship and educational offerings has been good lately.

Capital campaign

Notions of a capital campaign were entertained, once the ***Former Things, New Things*** pledges are fulfilled. Preliminary steps will likely include a planning/focus group meeting during summer 2019 for a fall 2019 or winter 2020 start of the campaign.

Chapel septic tank

The Church Council reviewed a report from Church Administrator Phil Edlund detailing the inadequacies and issues with the current Chapel septic system. The proposal of fixes was discussed, with the Council requesting a more concrete figure for the next Council meeting.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the MVLC Church Council is at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday 24 January 2019 in the Library. Sonja Dahl leads devotions.

Adjournment

Jason Cornell “prayed us out.”

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Kehm-Goins
Recording Secretary