

Mountain View Lutheran Church • Church Council Meeting
Tuesday 11 February 2020 • 6:30 p.m.
MVLC Library

Minutes

Attendance

Present: Michael Brauhn, Sonja Dahl, Bob Linden, Mary Beth Peterson, Carol Powers, Emily Thompson, Wendy Wadnizak, Karin Weberg, Julie Williams. Treasurer Jason Cornell.

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

Call to order

President Carol Powers called the meeting to order.

Devotions

Bob Linden led devotions based upon 1 Corinthians 14:33 and John 14:27. The council prayed together.

Minutes

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Tuesday 14 January 2020 meeting of the MVLC Church Council.

Financial update

Treasurer Jason Cornell spoke regarding the following:

- January's giving was good with the month ending at \$81,210 versus an expected \$76,867.
- Expenses were in line with the budget for the month. As expected, we ended January in the red due to the "preloading" of Health Savings Accounts (\$2,400) and Continuing Education (\$9,500) benefits.
- Out-of-the-ordinary expenses for February are (1) our annual HVAC maintenance and (2) repairs needed on the Sanctuary furnace.
- Benevolences were paid out in January.
- February is off to a great start.

Roofing proposal

Church Administrator Phil Edlund presented a recommendation from the Property Ministry Group regarding the need to place a new roof on the Education Building. Three estimates were submitted—\$105,000; \$66,000; and \$59,000. The Property Ministry Group negotiated with Integrity NW Roofing, the company that submitted the middle bid, and Integrity agreed to match the lowest bid (\$59,000) plus taxes. The project will take about seven days to complete once started.

It was M/S/P to accept the Property Ministry Group's recommendation (Integrity NW Roofing's bid of \$59,000 + taxes), with a deposit of 60% down and starting after the 2/22/2020 "Living Hope" Dinner event occurs.

Septic repair

Church Administrator Phil Edlund spoke about repairs to the Mountain View Community Center's septic tank and lines. Work was done to straighten a line and add a larger pipe. It was determined to be an original building defect, so Mountain View Lutheran Church will have to cover the \$5,000 cost.

Pastor's report

Pastor Briana Merkle spoke regarding the following:

- Upcoming Rock Ministry retreats, including the May Holden Youth Weekend high school youth and more than twenty first through sixth graders attending Camp Lutherwood.
- Attending "Living Hope" cottage meetings hosted and attended by younger families of the congregation.
- An upcoming dinner at the Merkle household to hear from a couple of younger families about their experiences at MVLC.
- A letter going out to households with 30- to 50-year-old adults, to encourage participation in the "Living Hope" capital campaign.
- A high school student pursuing new membership.
- Work on an upcoming women's day retreat.
- The Lenten midweek theme of "Vocatio: Calling the Beloved" and similarly-themed Sunday Adult Education in March.
- The memorial service for Illa Sieloff on Saturday 2/22.

Pastor's report

Pastor John Vaswig spoke regarding the following:

- The “in-house” work of staff and laity regarding the “Living Hope” capital campaign and dinner saved MVLC a good amount of money.
- Gratefulness for the hosts of cottage meetings.
- Events in March featuring Pastor Mitri Raheb, including Lenten midweek worship on Wednesday 3/4 and a clergy breakfast on Saturday 3/7.
- Enjoyed ExALT classes on Jesus and appreciated the attendance and participation of so many.
- The ecumenical clergy group led by Pastor Heidi Calhoun is now defunct due to lack of participation.

Vice-president

Michael Brauhn will serve at Congregational Vice-President until members of the 2020-2021 Church Council are elected. Emily Thompson agreed to serve as a fourth signer for checks.

Benevolences

It was M/S/P to approve (a) \$1989.50 to the Southwestern Washington Synod Bishop's Fund in additional 2019 benevolence, due to giving; and (b) \$179,300 in benevolences for 2020.

Nominating Committee

Sonja Dahl and Julie Williams were appointed to the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee, to serve alongside the three elected members (Fred Albert, Ken Edmonds, and Pili Wolfe).

Next meeting

The next meeting of the MVLC Church Council is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday 25 February 2020 in the Library. Sonja Dahl leads devotions.

Adjournment

Julie Williams “prayed us out.”

Respectfully submitted,
Troy Kehm-Goins
Recording Secretary