

Mountain View Lutheran Church • Church Council Meeting  
Tuesday, February 23, 2021 • 6:30 p.m.  
Online meeting (via Zoom)

Minutes

Attendance

Present: Sonja Dahl, Bob Linden, Dan Neptun, Mary Beth Peterson, Gerry Philipsen, Carol Powers, Emily Thompson, Wendy Wadnizak, Karin Weberg. Treasurer Jason Cornell.

Staff: Pastor Mike Greenwalt, Troy Kehm-Goins, Pastor Kim Latterell, Pastor Briana Merkle.

Call to order

President Carol Powers called the meeting to order.

Devotion

Wendy Wadnizak led devotions based upon finding hope amid struggles, as well as 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 and 1 Peter 5:7. The council prayed together.

Approval of minutes

**It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, February 9, 2021 meeting and the Tuesday, February 16, 2021 special meeting.**

Size of Church Council for 2021–2022

**It was M/S/P to set the size of the 2021–2022 MVLC Church Council to twelve individuals.**

Financial update

Treasurer Jason Cornell provided a financial update, which included the following highlights:

- January 2021 giving was stronger than expected. We ended the month with \$71,129 versus Spending Guideline of \$66,563 (+\$4,566).
- However, monthly expenses were \$76,305, leaving us with a monthly deficit of \$4,176 (after adding in the +\$1k mortgage offset).
- Forgiveness paperwork was submitted for our Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan on 1/21/2021.

- We have completed application for next round of PPP.
- The Emburse Purchasing Card account has been setup, funded, and used, allowing us to discontinue the previous office credit card.
- 2019 and 2020 financial review: a vote is needed by council to complete review by May/June. (Council wants to know the amount of such review before voting to proceed.)
- 2021 pledge reminder letters sent out. 72 sent; 10 received back.

#### Vision discussion

Pastor Mike informed the Council that an invitation went out to leaders and ministry teams about “looking forward.” He read an excerpt from the Peace & Justice Ministry Group’s submission. *“It may look like...”*

Discussion followed. Pastor Mike challenged those gathered with the following question: *What’s the story of MVLC that you want to tell to your family and friends and coworkers and neighbors and fellow sojourners at MVLC?* Various members of the Council shared their stories of life together at Mountain View.

#### Return to Worship

Sonja Dahl, chairperson of the Return to Worship Team, spoke regarding the following:

- Rehearsal for volunteers on Thursday 3/4 at 6:30 p.m.
- Return to worship on Sunday 3/7 at 10:45 p.m.
- Updated guidelines for worship.
- Updated guidelines for other groups. Return to Worship is currently prioritizing groups and determining who can return and when.

#### Pastor’s report—Pastor Mike Greenwalt

Pastor Mike Greenwalt spoke regarding the following:

- An email message will be sent to our “rental congregations” inviting them to return on or after 3/7.
- Phil is on leave 3/6 thru 3/14. Any actionable items need to be to Phil by the end of this week.
- All financial obligations to Pastor John have been completed.
- Even after returning to worship, the Chapel basement will be considered “secured” and unavailable for use by the rental congregations.
- All staff job descriptions have now been rewritten.
- Gerry Philipsen, Sam Jones, Glenn Petersen have agreed to serve on the Constitutional Review Committee.

- Pastor Mike and Troy will meet with Scout leaders on consistent communications.

Pastor's report—Pastor Briana Merkle

Pastor Briana Merkle spoke regarding the following:

- Starting to lay plans for what proposed in-person gatherings for kids may entail.
- Working on resurrecting relationships with other area youth pastors/directors for shared ministry.
- Eight youth are signed up to attend FLBC this summer.
- Considering alternatives to traditional VBS. Family-based gatherings, worship, and activities. (The loss would be community involvement and outreach.)

Ministry Site Profile update

Initial feedback from Council was sent to ALIVE Team for consideration and incorporation. Also, all the contacts Carol reached out to have enthusiastically agreed to serve as references for MVLC.

Property requests

- \$3,000 for annual HVAC inspections and maintenance.
- Approximately \$500 in order that MERV-13 filters can be added to Chapel HVAC.
- Various 5-, 10-, 15-, and 20-year inspections of utilities on campus.
- Chapel roof estimate of \$56,000. Including stainless steel bird spikes. Roof was needed last year.
- Request to remove plastic bird spikes on Sanctuary ridgeline and replace with metal bird spikes. Also, slow pressure cleaning of that roof. Use half of \$24,000 FTNT monies for cost of this.
- Gate for overflow parking lot to discourage people from driving onto it and dumping asphalt, garbage, etc. \$300 to \$500 for cost and installation.

**It was M/S/P to approve the Chapel roof replacement, plus installation of metal bird spikes, as per Dan Neptun's request.**

The Sanctuary roof will be discussed at the next meeting.

Pastor Bri "prayed us out."

Next meeting

The next meeting of the MVLC Church Council is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Sonja Dahl leads devotions. (Karin Weberg will lead devotions on 3/23.)

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Kehm-Goins  
Recording Secretary