

Mountain View Lutheran Church • Church Council Meeting
Tuesday 25 February 2020 • 6:30 p.m.
MVLC Library

Minutes

Attendance

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

Absent: Bob Linden.

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

Call to order

President Carol Powers called the meeting to order.

Devotions

Sonja Dahl led devotions based upon Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 6:15; Matthew 18:21; and the notion of forgiveness in relation to parenting. The council prayed together.

Minutes

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Tuesday 11 February 2020 meeting of the MVLC Church Council.

Financial update

Church Administrator Phil Edlund spoke regarding the following:

- As of 2/25, the “Living Hope” capital campaign has 68 households pledge \$773,428 (103% of the campaign’s goal).
- General giving year-to-date through the fourth Sunday of February (2/23) was \$18,928 higher than expected; and \$30414 higher than comparable 2019 giving.

Pastor's report

Pastor Briana Merkle spoke regarding the following:

- The 2/23 Rock Ministry Pancake Breakfast, including a lesson on Lent and the handing out of Lenten devotionals.
- A “noisy offering” being brought forward by children during the offering of the Sundays of Lent.
- The Lenten them of “Vocatio: Calling the Beloved” for Lenten midweek worship.
- The related “Testimony of the Called” Sunday adult education, with members of the congregation sharing their faith journeys through marriage, parenting, life, and career changes.
- Preparations for VBS 2020 have started.
- The upcoming “In the Shelter” Women’s Day Retreat on Saturday 4/25.

Pastor's report

Pastor John Vaswig spoke regarding the following:

- Unhappiness at the number of empty seats at the “Living Hope” dinner, primarily due to people who said they would be in attendance not showing up on the evening of the dinner.
- We need to strategize how to involve younger individuals and families in the “Living Hope” campaign.
- The importance of testimonies/testimonials to our faith community.
- Work continues of promoting “Mitri in March” events, including the “Disarming Polarization” Symposium at Pacific Lutheran University.
- Encouragement to attend Ash Wednesday worship services.

Mission Endowment Fund

- **It was M/S/P to approve allowing the Mission Endowment Fund to receive “Living Hope” contributions to enable applicable gift matching, followed by immediate disbursement of both the member contribution and the match to the MVLC “Living Hope” campaign.**
- **It was M/S/P to approve early distribution of available funds (\$22,700) in 2020 to approved Mission Endowment Fund grant applicants, with grant applications due by Tuesday, March 31, 2020.**

MVLC Fees

- **It was M/S/P to increase substitute musician pay from \$200 per Sunday/\$100 per service to \$300 per Sunday/\$150 per service.**
- **It was M/S/P to add a “Funeral Coordinator” payment of \$200 per service to the current fees for memorial services.**

Church Council 2020-2021

In addition to the following current members who plan to serve another term if elected—Michael Brauhn, Bob Linden, Mary Beth Peterson, Carol Powers, Emily Thompson, Wendy Wadnizak, and Karin Weberg—the council determined that there should be three additional council members on the ballot.

Church Council retreat planning

A lead person and/or team is needed to work on planning for a retreat of the Church Council. Wendy Wadnizak agreed to serve as a member of such a team.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the MVLC Church Council is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday 10 March 2020 in the Library. Mary Beth Peterson leads devotions.

Adjournment

Michael Brauhn “prayed us out.”

Respectfully submitted,
Troy Kehm-Goins
Recording Secretary