

Mountain View Lutheran Church • Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 09, 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

Sonja Dahl led devotions based upon the concept of gratitude and the benefit of beginning things with the “positive,” as well as sharing the same found in Luke 1 in Mary’s song (Magnificat, 1:46-55) and Zechariah’s song (1:67-79). The council prayed together.

Approval of minutes

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, February 23, 2021 meeting.

Pastor’s report—Pastor Briana Merkle

Pastor Briana Merkle spoke regarding the following:

- We are exploring collaborative youth ministry with other area churches, especially for high school youth, partly driven due by lack of participation.
- Defining lay leadership roles for Rock Ministry, such as RM Administrator, RM activities coordinator, etc.
- Communal RM gathering at the start of Sunday classes, with music.
- Possibility of a “prayground” in the Sanctuary in the next year?
- Adult education tied to everyday family life.
- Rock Ministry classes resuming on 3/28, in limited version.
- Contacting one or more RM families per week.

Pastor's report—Pastor Mike Greenwalt

Pastor Mike Greenwalt spoke regarding the following:

- All position descriptions are up to date. Preparing cover sheets for each.
- Working with Julie Williams on updating personnel policies.
- Attendance was good at our 3/7 in-person worship. If our attendance trend continues to increase, then we will add a second worship service on 3/28.
- Email letters have been sent to both of our rental congregations, inviting them to return to worship, under current worship guidelines.

Pastor's report—Pastor Kim Latterell

Pastor Kim Latterell spoke regarding the following:

- Worship Planning Team meets this Thursday, re: Holy Week, season of Easter, and beyond.
- Women's Bible Study is going well.
- A marriage course for "younger couples" is being prepared/planned with a local counselor.
- "Communion as a meal." Table liturgy for Maundy Thursday instead of foot washing, focusing on the mandate to "love your neighbor."
- Current pastoral care responses.
- Once his second COVID shot is effective, Pastor Kim will begin in-home visits with senior members of the congregation.

Ministry Site Profile update

The Ministry Site Profile approaches completion. The ALIVE Team will present it to the congregation at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 21, 2021 via Zoom.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee (Fred Albert, Sonja Dahl, Ken Edmonds, Bob Linden, Pili Wolfe) created application forms for interested individuals to complete in regard to the leadership roles of Church Council and Call Committee. President Carol Powers wrote the position description for members of the Council.

Holy Week and staff

As per the Executive Team, the Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 5, 2021 to allow staff a moment of rest after Holy Week.

Living Hope conversation with congregation

The Council is proposing that leadership have a conversation with the congregation in the near future in regard to the priorities of the Living Hope capital campaign. Two have already been completed: the Education Building roof was replaced and \$200,000 of mortgage was paid down.

Sanctuary roof cleaning

It was M/S/P to designate \$20,000 from the Living Hope campaign for pressure washing the Sanctuary roof and the installation of bird spikes, as recommended by the Property Ministry Group.

2021 SWWA Synod Assembly

Three lay voting members are needed for to attend the 2021 Southwestern Washington Synod Assembly, which is May 14 and 15, 2021.

Return to Worship

The Return to Worship Team is meeting this Thursday, as it continues to meet weekly. Group requests, both internal and external, are being received, reviewed, and discussed.

PPP loan

A second Paycheck Protection Program loan of \$116,203.44 was signed by President Carol Powers on Monday, March 8, 2021.

Constitutional Review Committee

The newly formed Constitutional Review Committee (Ken Edmonds, Pastor Mike Greenwalt, Sam Jones, Pastor Glenn Petersen, and Gerry Philipsen) meets for the first time on Thursday, March 11, 2021.

President Carol “prayed us out.”

Next meeting

The next meeting of the MVLC Church Council is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. Karin Weberg leads devotions.

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Kehm-Goins
Recording Secretary