

Mountain View Lutheran Church • Church Council Meeting  
Tuesday 07 May 2019 • 6:30 p.m.  
MVLC Library

## Minutes

### Attendance

Present: Sonja Dahl, Ken Swanson, Emily Thompson, Lynn Wadnizak, Karin Weberg.

Absent: Jason Cornell, Bob Linden, Julie Williams.

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

### Call to order

President Sonja Dahl called the meeting to order. Lynn Wadnizak led devotions based upon the history of Hope Lutheran Church of Tacoma, Hope/hope living on the people of the congregation, and Romans 8:24. The council prayed together.

## Minutes

**It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Tuesday 02 April 2019 meeting of the MVLC Church Council.**

### Pastor's report • Associate Pastor

Pastor Briana Merkle spoke regarding the following:

- Pastor John's sabbatical is "off to a good start" in the office.
- Pre-baptismal meeting with the granddaughter of new members.
- Graveside service for a former MVLC member.
- Good attendance at the first class of the spring session of ExALT.
- The need for a lot of volunteer recruitment for this year's Vacation Bible School. Additional considerations for this year's VBS are increased advertising and an end-of-VBS community picnic for kids, parents, and volunteers.
- The high school mission trip this summer (6/28 – 7/2) will be serving in regard to refugee issues in the Seattle area, and will be in partnership with the high school youth group of Celebration Lutheran Church of Puyallup.

- Pastor Glenn Petersen will preach and preside on Sunday 6/30, in order that Pastor Bri can lead the high school mission trip.
- Pastor Bri will attend Pacific Lutheran University's 2019 Summer Institute in Pastoral Theology.
- How meaningful and touching the Holy Week worship services were this year.

#### Congregational Meeting

The Congregational Meeting on Sunday 5/19 was discussed, including candidates for the 2019-2020 Church Council, Nominating Committee, and Mission Endowment Fund Committee, as well as the agenda.

#### Project Homeless Connect

On Sunday 5/12, Jason Cornell will give a brief "temple talk" at both worship services regarding Project Homeless Connect and MVLC's participation in the event.

#### "Friends in Faith" small groups

The Church Council is ready to lead the Wednesday 5/22 ExALT class focusing on the "Friends in Faith" small groups.

#### Financial update

Church Administrator Phil Edlund provided a financial update that included following:

- Giving was good for April 2019, with both the dollar amount and percentage of giving up.
- Year-to-date, giving is about \$6,600 behind the Spending Guideline.
- The cash reserves ended the month of April at \$26,219, approximately \$10,000 more than the end of April.
- A Congregational Treasurer is still needed.

**It was M/S/P to have Brantley Janson Yost & Ellison perform our upcoming financial/procedural review.**

**It was M/S/P to move forward with having the draft lease from Verizon for the cell phone tower presented to the Church Council for consideration.**

Church Council retreat

Possible dates for a Church Council retreat were discussed—sometime between August 5-10 or possibly on Saturday, September 7. Discussion will continue at a future meeting.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the MVLC Church Council is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday 21 May 2019 in the Library. Karin Weberg leads devotions.

Adjournment

Karin Weberg “prayed us out.”

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Kehm-Goins  
Recording Secretary