

Mountain View Lutheran Church • Church Council Meeting
Tuesday 12 May 2020 • 6:30 p.m.
Online meeting (via Zoom)

Minutes

Attendance

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

Guest: Southwestern Washington Synod Bishop Richard Jaech.

Staff: Troy Kehm-Goins.

Call to order

President Carol Powers called the meeting to order.

Devotions

Karin Weberg led devotions based upon Moses in Exodus 3; John 14:6; Proverbs 4:25-27; Philippians 4:8ff and the notions of frailty and reluctant leadership. The council prayed together.

Financial update

Treasurer Jason Cornell provided a financial update, which included that giving has remained steady and some people have even increased their giving.

Interim pastor

Southwestern Washington (SWWA) Synod Bishop Jaech was present to reiterate the process of seeking an interim pastor, as well as find out what qualities are needed in such an individual. Desired attributes of the interim pastor include:

- Solid Lutheran theology.
- Preferably, twenty or more years of experience in parish ministry.
- Experience with congregations in transition.
- .75 FTE.
- Collaborative leadership style, with encouragement of lay leadership and lay participation in ministry.

- Someone who will study who we are and who we've been, in order that they may help guide us to who we will be in the future.

Other transition topics

Other topics concerning the transition included:

- The interim pastor will be approved by the Church Council, but is actually called by the Synod Council.
- There will be a forthcoming Zoom meeting with Bishop's Associate Rebecca Shjerven to discuss some of the transition details with the congregation.
- Small groups are a good resource for conversation amongst members of the congregation during this time of transition.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will meet to identify candidates for the 2020-2021 Church Council. Until the next Congregational Meeting is held, the current members of the council will remain in place.

New Member Class

Parish Worker Marlene Wright will contact those who participated in the recent New Member Class. There may be virtual sessions of the final couple classes with Pastor Paul Freese.

Check signers

It was M/S/P to add Bob Linden (vice-president) and Emily Thompson (fourth signer) as signers to MVLC financial/bank accounts; as well as remove Pastor John Vaswig and Michael Brauhn from those same accounts.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the MVLC Church Council is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday 26 May 2020 via an online meeting. Carol Powers leads devotions.

Respectfully submitted,
Troy Kehm-Goins
Recording Secretary