

Mt. View Lutheran Church Council
May 17, 2022
Church Library 6:30pm

MINUTES

Attendance

Present: Pr. Eric, Pr. Bri, Bob Linden, Bob Yost, Skip Harrison, Gerry Philipsen, Gretchen Johnsrud, Ken Swanson, Treasurer - Jason Cornell

Absent: Karen Hansen

Call to order

President Bob Linden called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Devotion

Carol Power led a devotion on good stress and bad stress

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Tuesday April 19, 2022, meeting of the MVLC Church Council

SUBMITTED WRITTEN REPORTS

It was M/S/P to accept the written reports for the Tuesday, May 17, 2022, Council Meeting that were submitted for its agenda by the following individuals and ministry groups:

Treasurer's Report - submitted by Jason Cornell.

- An in-person update was given on the current financial status of the congregation.
- Council requested that the financial reports be placed on the back of the worship bulletin on the first Sunday of the month.

President's Report - submitted by Bob Linden

- Zoom Meeting - facilitated the Revised Constitution Congregational Zoom Meeting (low attendance as expected)
- Congregational Meeting - making final preparations for the May 22nd Congregational Meeting

- Nominating Committee Candidates- working on recruiting three candidates for the 2023 Nominating Committee
- Youth Ministry Coordinator Contract - working with Carol Powers on completing an Employee Contract for Pope McHenry
- Administrator Job Post
- Discussion about Celebration Church request to add TVs to the sanctuary - we will get further clarification on this. Approval of using the downstairs room for a nursery and that we will remove the railing by the altar.
- Worship Mikes - exploring the purchase of new individual mikes for worship participants with Megan Hutton

Peace and Justice - Beth Ann Johnson

Peace and Justice is moving to two meetings a month from May through August because of the following reasons.

- (1) to work on our plan for "God's Work, Our Hands"
- (2) to review benevolences
- (3) to discuss our group reading book.

We are continuing to work with LIRS and LCSNW to support refugee families in our community.

Property - Dan Neptun

We called in an electrician to do an in-depth trouble shooting. That visit took place on Friday, April 29th.

The electrician was able to make repairs to two of the three duplex outlets, but one has a bad negative (white wire) lead. To repair that third duplex outlet will likely require rewiring from the electrical supply breaker panel within the LTH. That would be an expensive repair for an item rarely used. So, we have chosen, at least for now, to go with the repair to two of the duplex outlets and retiring the third duplex outlet.

The more emergent troubleshooting was for the circuit breakers that provide power to the dishwasher/sanitizer within the LTH kitchen. The breakers were heating up and at least one had tripped several times during the past month. Inspection within the electrical breaker panel showed that one of the breakers had heated the copper wiring to the point that the copper wiring had become discolored.

The electrician ordered the necessary breakers and will return on May 9th to do the installation. There may also be a wiring problem within the dishwasher/sanitizer itself (amperage in excess of the listed power consumption needs), and that will require some additional trouble shooting.

Safe Return - Sonja Dahl

Pierce County has been fluctuating between Moderate, substantial and now high. seven day day case rate per 100,00 is now 122 from March 18-25, 2022. (High rates of covid/Red zone).

The good news is the rate of hospitalization in Pierce County has remained low and steady for the past several weeks.

The CDC does recommend the following for Pierce County:

Recommended actions based on current level

Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines. Get tested if you have symptoms. Wear a mask if you have symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19. Wear a mask on public transportation. You may choose to wear a mask at any time as an additional precaution to protect yourself and others.

MVLC - Emily Thompson

The MVCC Board met offsite on Saturday 4/30. The MVCC Board of Directors retreat last Saturday was very productive! We were able to draft some Strategic Imperatives for the next three years, and will present these to the MVLC Council by the end of June.

Personal - Carol

Barry Johnsrud will be reviewing the personal manual
Julie Williams will be reviewing our performance review policy

Pastor Eric

- I've made 35 visits so far. This is a combination of member visits and deacon communion visits.
- With Brenna Sage and PB we are regathering the music and worship to vision a variety of music and worship ideas and directions.
- Talking to Brenna Sage and hoping to plan a music and worship volunteer appreciation event.

- In June we will introduce parts of a new liturgy, “Behold, I Make All Things New.” Sunday June 12 Adult Ed will actually be the first introduction of this liturgy, music and story. We will then introduce one new part per Sunday throughout the summer. The goal is to use the entire liturgy in the Fall.
- I am currently teaching a three part Sunday Adult Ed series called Rehearsing Scripture. It’s a class on fresh and innovative ways to engage with the Bible inspired by drama.
- I am taking on the reformation of the stewardship team, inviting new team members, and meeting in the summer to study stewardship strategies to be executed in the Fall. Anyone energized to teach financial stewardship? I welcome you to the team.
- The invitation process for new Deacons is going well. I don’t know the exact number of new deacons but I estimate it’s 6-8.
- I want to have a church picnic this summer.
- I will be in Nebraska for Annika’s graduation May 23-31. Thank you for the time off to celebrate my daughter’s milestone and get both of my kids moved out to Washington.

Pastor Bri

Pope’s First Day: Pope McHenry began work on Tuesday May 7th. He launched into a list of projects related to children and youth ministry, and is working on both near and longer-term efforts for our youth. I hope to install Pope as Youth Ministry Coordinator in worship on May 22nd.

Continuing Education: last month I spent 3 days researching and dreaming on intentional ways to engage children in worship. In part, this is to lay the foundation for how we will use the MEF grant money to create a children’s space in the Sanctuary. For that space to be valuable, it needs to be part of a more intentional approach to engaging our children and youth in worship. I have a meeting set up with some of our families and Worship Planning members to further share and reflect with them, and so begin implementing some new ideas.

Bible Retreat: About 8 kids are participating in a Bible Retreat and then blessing in worship. This is another Rock Ministry Milestone helping to build the foundation of faith.

Youth Trip Cancellation—Again: We were planning for the High school youth to work with Camp Noah doing disaster response for a week in Oregon. However, the host community just changed the date for their program, unfortunately making it impossible for us to go and participate. I have asked Pope to begin working on a youth retreat for Summer or Fall since the summer trip this year has just not come together.

Synod Learning Event: I attended the Synod day on Saturday June 14th

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

M/S/P to approve the revised Administrator position and compensation for that position

M/S/P to approve Juneteenth as a paid holiday off for staff.

- I. Closing Prayer - Pastor Eric

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretchen Johnsrud
Council Secretary