

Mountain View Lutheran Church • Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 15, 2021 • 6:30 p.m.
MVLC Library

Minutes

Attendance

Present: Karen Hansen, Skip Harrison, Gretchen Johnsrud, Bob Linden, Gerry Philipsen, Carol Powers, Ken Swanson, Emily Thompson (via Zoom), Bob Yost. Treasurer Jason Cornell.

Staff: Pastor Mike Greenwalt, Troy Kehm-Goins, Pastor Bri Merkle.

Call to order

President Bob Linden called the meeting to order.

Devotion

Bob Linden led devotions based upon the verbs/action words of our vision and mission statements, 1 Peter 3:10, and Philippians 3:12. The council prayed together.

Approval of minutes

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of both the Tuesday, May 18, 2021 and Saturday, June 5, 2021 meetings of the MVLC Church Council.

Submitted written reports

Written reports were submitted from the following individuals and ministry groups, including some of these highlights:

TREASURER'S REPORT, submitted by Jason Cornell.

Giving for the month of May 2021 was lower than expected. We ended the month with \$78,454 versus an expected amount of \$93,115. We are currently \$16,466 below our Spending Guideline for 2021, year to date.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, submitted by Bob Linden.

Discussion about what clergy roles will entail when Pastor Mike Greenwalt departs on August 31, 2021. Pastor Kim Latterell is willing to stay on in a part-time role and assume more pastoral care and preaching

responsibilities. Pastor Briana Merkle will assume some administrative duties with Pastor Mike's departure.

PROPERTY REPORT, submitted by Dan Neptun.

Expenditures to repair the MVLC Administrative Offices entry has been improved by insurance. Once the check is received, then repair work by Buckley Welding and Pinnacle 1 Construction will commence.

RETURN to WORSHIP REPORT, submitted by Sonja Dahl.

The "Return to Worship" Task Force will continue to examine how best to follow guidance from state and local officials and determine the best course(s) of action for in-person worship services and small group meetings.

CALL COMMITTEE REPORT, submitted by Kevin Dahl.

The Call Committee continues to meet weekly and will begin reviewing profiles of interested candidates at its June 17, 2021 meeting.

ADULT EDUCATION REPORT, submitted by Skip Harrison.

This group is exploring potential pastors and PLU professors who could act as facilitators for adult education classes and series.

MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER (MVCC) REPORT, submitted by Emily Thompson.

The MVCC is looking for new and creative ways to partner with the City of Edgewood on being open, welcoming, and inclusive to members of the community.

PAYROLL/BOOKKEEPING REPORT, submitted by Carol Powers.

Current bookkeeping practices, best practices, and the best way to transition from one to the other are being explored.

DEACONS REPORT, submitted by Ken and Sandi Swanson.

Deacons will return to in-person sending at each worship service starting on Sunday, July 4, 2021.

PASTOR'S REPORT, submitted by Pastor Briana Merkle.

Summer programming will include the SPARK! series to engage our children, youth, and families in worship, service, faith formation, and fellowship; as well as the annual youth trip to Flathead Lutheran Bible

Camp in Montana. Various teams are working on preparations for fall programming.

PASTOR'S REPORT, submitted by Pastor Mike Greenwalt. Administrative work focuses on transition and "turn-over items" regarding the departure of our Church Administrator at the end of May and Pastor Mike's upcoming departure at the end of August.

PASTOR'S REPORT, submitted by Pastor Kim Latterell. Invitations for summer pastoral visits have been issued via verbal announcements, the worship folder, and MVLC E-news.

Report action items
The following action items were approved.

It was M/S/P to transfer \$5,723.20 from the Living Hope Capital Campaign Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund for additional costs of Sanctuary roof cleaning and bird spike installation, and then to subsequently pay \$5,723.20 to Integrity Roofing from the Capital Improvement Fund for the completed work.

It was M/S/P to grant permission to the Payroll/Bookkeeping Committee to move forward with Battershell & Nichols accounting firm to perform Mountain View Lutheran Church's payroll and bookkeeping, with an "upfront conversion" to Quickbooks (cost not to exceed \$6,000) and an ongoing rate of \$3,100 per month.

New business
MVLC member Hannah Johnsrud will be attending the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in the fall of 2021, and is requesting financial support from the MVLC Seminary Fund to offset some of her seminary costs during her first year.

It was M/S/P to approve distribution of \$10,729 from the MVLC Seminary Fund to support Hannah Johnsrud attending the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and as part of her "covenantal relationship" with the congregation of Mountain View Lutheran Church during that time.

Council items

Secretary Gretchen Johnsrud explained some of the changes being made to the process of including items on the agenda each month. The deadline for reports to be included on the Tuesday, July 20 agenda is Monday, July 12, 2021.

Check signers

It was M/S/P to approve the following individuals as check signers on bank accounts of Mountain View Lutheran Church: President Bob Linden, Vice-President Bob Yost, Secretary Gretchen Johnsrud, Carol Powers, and Emily Thompson.

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Kehm-Goins
Recording Secretary