

Mt. View Lutheran Church Council
June 18, 2022
Life Together Hall 9:00 - 11:30 am

MINUTES

Attendance

Present: Pr. Eric, Pr. Bri, Bob Yost, Skip Harrison, Gretchen Johnsrud, Kevin Dahl, Emily Thompson, Carol Powers, Karen Hansen, Jenny Graham, Fred Albert, Joel DeWitt, Dan Lysne
Treasurer - Jason Cornell

Absent: Ken Swanson

Devotion

Pr. Eric led a devotion on servant leadership - how do we look to Jesus for practical wisdom on leadership of MVLC?

Call to order

Bob Yost called the meeting to order at 10:00am

Carol Powers led the Election of Officers

Kevin Dahl submitted his name for President, Bob Yost submitted his name for Vice President and Gretchen Johnsrud submitted her name for Secretary. There were no other nominations from the floor.

It was M/S/P to accept the nomination of Kevin Dahl for President, Bob Yost for Vice President and Gretchen Johnsrud for Secretary.

Council asked Jason Cornell if he would be appointed for treasurer and he accepted.

Carol Powers led the sharing of Council Roles and Responsibilities

APPROVAL OF MINUTES May 17, 2022, meeting of the MVLC Church Council

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:

SUBMITTED WRITTEN REPORTS

Treasurer's Report - submitted by Jason Cornell.

An in-person update was given on the current financial status of the congregation.

Jason provided an explanation of the role and responsibilities of Treasurer and Council members relating to finances

President's Report - submitted by Pr. Eric, Pr Bri, Bob Yost and Gretchen Johnsrud

Capital Campaign Fund distribution committee. Carolyn Dahle, Marie Philipsen and Terry Wolfe volunteered. **Bob Yost agreed to be the council representative to this group.**

Administrator update: We reposted the position until June 19th, hoping to receive a few more applicants. We have already received more resumes from this 2nd posting. We hope to have interviews next week.

Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year. Do we have worship on Christmas day? **A short discussion was had about the possibility of having a short recorded message instead of Sunday Worship. PE and PB will take that information back to staff**

Online worship. During the pandemic, Mt. View invested substantially in our production of live-streaming worship. We pay our videographer David to be present at 10:45am worship each week to create a more intimate and better quality online experience (David manages both the image and sound, and has helped with microphones, lighting, etc. in the Sanctuary).

Most of our decisions around online worship have been a bit reactionary—responding to emerging needs in the moment, as best as we can. We now have some time to start considering online worship as an ongoing ministry. We need a small team of people to work with the pastors to evaluate the reach, impact and cost/benefits of our online worship experience. It would be helpful to have one Council member on this team, as well as some congregation members.

The discussion was tabled to the next meeting because of time

MVLC - Gretchen Johnsrud

They have been awarded \$7,500 for from the Puyallup Tribe for the Senior Gardening Program. They are working on putting together an MOU with MVLC.

Pastor Eric

I continue to have fruitful visits and conversations with Mt View members in their homes. I've done over 40 visits now. Over the summer and because we have several new council members, I would like to focus my home visits on council families this summer. One of the areas I would like to begin conversation with council about is the mission and vision of Mt View. Is our current mission and vision statement accurate and useful? Do we need to develop a new mission and vision statement that more accurately reflects the mission and vision we are already doing and/or aspire to become? My hope is that our mission and vision become a bigger and fuller part of our worship, service, education, and leadership decisions.

With Brenna Sage, I am introducing a new liturgy called Behold, I Make All Things New. This will be introduced in pieces over the summer and this fall we will use the entire liturgy.

Pastor Bri, Jesie Holden, and I are beginning conversations about partnering with a shared Thursday evening of meal and programs. We feel this is a win/win for both MVLC and MVCC because our meal volunteer resources can be pooled and our two communities can both plug into education classes offered. For example, Jesie would like to line up practical life skills classes for Thursday evening (financial management, parenting, health & wellness) that our Mt View members can plug into. Also, the worship services and Bible studies we offer Thursday evening will be available to community members. Another benefit is that Wednesday evenings can be dedicated to music rehearsals, without having to compete with other programs happening on Wed evening.

The Adult Ed Team met and planned Sunday morning Adult Ed through the end of the year, 2022. Some of the highlights include a class by Earth Ministries, taught by PLU prof. Dr. Brian Naasz, about the spirituality of ecology, Pastor Eric teaching a class on Martin Luther for the month of Oct, and Jon Petersen teaching messianic expectations in the OT in the season of Advent.

Music & Worship Team is meeting June 22 at 7pm to discuss bigger picture themes of our worship life such as alternative lectionaries, alternative chair set up in the sanctuary, designing worship to more accessible for children and visitors,

and the merits of going to one worship service in the summer, just to name a few of the agenda items.

I now have a stewardship team for 2022. I have four men and two women representing old and young, newer members and longer-term members. We are using a resource called A Future With Hope. Our stewardship campaign will be Oct 30 through Nov 13.

Tuesday, June 21, the MVLC and the MVCC staff are having lunch together. They are hosting us first and we will return the favor in the near future. Jesie Holden and I are trying to be more intentional about building a real sense of awareness and partnership between MVLC and MVCC.

Pastor Bri, Jesie Holden, and I also have a bigger vision of building real partnership on our campus between MVLC, MVCC, the Food Bank, Celebration of Life Church, and the Scouts. I've committed myself to reaching out to the Adult Scout Leaders and finding the ways I can be helpful and present to build this sense of partnership between MVLC and Scouts. David Cowens is a recent and frequent worshiper at the early service and a Scout leader. He and I have been having conversations together about building a more intentional partnership between MVLC and Scouts.

I've decided to audition for the PLU community and alumni choir, Choral Union. If you didn't know, 5 Mt View folks are already a part of Choral Union. My audition is July 16. I have three reasons for doing this: One, I love music. Two, this is an opportunity to check in and have supper with Annika at PLU. Three, as a new transplant to the PNW, I don't have any built in networks of people outside of MVLC. I would like to build a network with people at PLU and I hope that Choral Union is a way to build this network.

Pastor Bri

New Youth Ministry Coordinator: In case you missed the news, in May we hired Pope McHenry in a .5 position working with our youth. Pope has already been working on planning events for the summer, will be attending Flathead with me and some youth in July, is helping plan VBS, and is going to be working on some evaluation and preparation for Rock Ministry next Fall, among other things.

Children's Space in the Sanctuary: In Fall 2021, Rock Ministry received an MEF grant to create a children's space in the sanctuary. I began working on this concept during some continuing education this spring and recently met with several of our families to start laying plans. We'll meet again next week to continue forming our plan for what this space will look like and how it will be used to intentionally engage our children in worship. We plan to introduce this space to the congregation in the Fall.

Parents have already passed on feedback that the recent addition of children's messages and activities related to the readings help their children engage more. We hope to build on this.

VBS: Please sign up to help somehow! We can use your time, if you have availability M-F from 9a-12pm, even if it's just one day. We can also use supply donations. See the list in the Gathering Space to sign up.

Fall Planning: The staff met for a Calendar Planning Day to lay initial plans through the end of the year. It's been a long time since we've been able to plan more than a month ahead with any sort of confidence! This has allowed us to be creative and evaluative in having meaningful and faith-forming opportunities for our congregation.

Marriage Counseling: This summer I get the rare opportunity to meet with a young couple that has been consistently visiting Mt. View and facilitate marriage counseling conversations. I will also perform their marriage ceremony in the Fall.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

M/S/P to approve the increase of Pastor Eric Bostrom's housing allowance to \$40,000 for the year 2022.

I. Closing Prayer - Bob Yost

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretchen Johnsrud
Council Secretary

