

Mountain View Lutheran Church • Church Council Meeting
Thursday 11 July 2019 • 6:30 p.m.
MVLC Library

Minutes

Attendance

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

Absent: Karin Weberg.

Staff: Troy Kehm-Goins, Pastor Briana Merkle.

Call to order

President Carol Powers called the meeting to order.

Devotions

Sonja Dahl led devotions based upon imagining how various aspects of the mission and ministry of Jesus relate to the “five love languages”—the Beatitudes (Matthew 5) = words of affirmation; forty miracles of Jesus = gift giving; washing of the disciples’ feet (John 13) = acts of service; Jesus at the home of Mary and Martha (Luke 13) = quality time; the healing touch of Jesus = physicality. The council prayed together.

Minutes

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Tuesday 18 June 2019 meeting of the MVLC Church Council.

Financial update

Good news. Giving continues to be strong, with year-to-date giving essentially even with expected giving.

Pastor’s report • Associate Pastor

Pastor Briana Merkle spoke regarding the following:

- Vacation Bible School (VBS) is going well—around 115 kids in attendance, plenty of volunteers (and many new volunteers), and a welcoming atmosphere.

- Good results from the high school youth trip with Celebration Lutheran. This was a very different trip this time, with an emphasis on learning—engagement with topics, worship every night anchored with biblical stories of refugees, powerful witness.
- The Congregational Care Deacons have been very helpful.
- Hoping to use some of her time at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp to plan programming for the fall and 2020.
- Working on a Women's Discipleship Retreat in October 2019.

Cell phone tower

The proposed lease for the Verizon cell phone tower was discussed by council members, which included the following:

- Verizon met with the City of Edgewood yesterday, so we don't know the tone/temperature of the conversation yet.
- We need a small group of individuals to work with Phil on the lease and its attendant items. Michael Brauhn and Jason Cornell agreed to serve in such capacity.
- There needs to be a thorough vetting of potential locations on campus that could host the tower, as well as why particular locations don't work.

"Friends in Faith" small groups

The council continued its discussion of possible books for "Friends in Faith" small groups to discuss in the fall.

Other business

Items briefly discussed included:

- The 8/25 old-fashioned Ice Cream Social.
- Difficulty in seniors getting out of chairs in the Gathering Space, as well as the possibility of adding more tables in that space.
- Jesie Holden is doing a great job as the Executive Director of the Mountain View Community Center.
- The stained glass art group will meet with Pastor John when he returns, in order to discuss renderings from the artist.
- Scheduling various ministry groups, teams, and committees to give presentations/reports at upcoming council meetings.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the MVLC Church Council is at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday
06 August 2019 in the Library. Jason Cornell leads devotions.

Adjournment

Michael Brauhn “prayed us out.”

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Kehm-Goins

Recording Secretary