

**MOUNTAIN VIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Church Council Meeting**  
**July 18, 2023; 6:30 pm; MVLC Library**

**Minutes**

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Jason Cornell (Treasurer); Mary Beth Dahl Jenny Grayum, Karen Hansen; Skip Harrison; Megan Hutton, Dan Lysne, John Meagher, Becky Schaefer, Ken Swanson, Bob Yost

Zoom: None

Absent: Fred Albert, Kevin Dahl

Staff: Pastor Eric Bostrom, Henry Peck, Troy Kehm-Goings, Pastor Bri Merkle

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Council Vice President Bob Yost at 6:32 pm.

**OPENING DEVOTION AND PRAYER**

Jenny Grayum shared a devotion related to the new mission statement and then led the Council in prayer.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the June 18, 2023 meeting were reviewed.

*Motion:* Approve the minutes as presented.

*Made By:* Mary Beth Dahl

*Second:* Ken Swanson

*Action:* Passed

**WRITTEN REPORTS**

The written reports were reviewed.

*Motion:* Approve the reports as presented.

*Made By:* Skip Harrison

*Second:* Megan Hutton

*Action:* Passed

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jason Cornell presented a financial update. Key points include:

- Tithes and Offerings this month - actual to budget Tithes & Offerings \$51,942 (This month target \$83,663) Tithes and offerings this month are less than budgeted.
- Tithes and Offerings year-to-date compared to budget Tithes & Offerings \$436,055 (This year target \$546,599) Tithes and offerings year-to-date are less than budgeted.
- Tithes and Offerings year-to-date compared to last year-to-date Tithes & Offerings \$436,055 (Last year \$445,992) Tithes and offerings year-to-date are less compared to the same time last year.
- Decrease in net operating revenue this month compared to budget Net Operating Revenue (\$31,377) (This month target \$4,661) The decrease in net operating revenue this month is less than the increase that was budgeted.
- Decrease in net operating revenue year-to-date compared to budget Net Operating Revenue (\$46,756) (This year target \$72,585) The decrease in net operating revenue year-to-date is less than the increase that was budgeted

It was noted that the Living Hope funds will be used for parking lot repairs.

## ACTION ITEMS

### Parking Lot Bids

Henry Peck presented bids received for repair of the parking lot. Bids were received from Statewide Parking Lot Services, Inc., Looker Asphalt, Inc., Adams Asphalt & Patching, Inc., AC Paving. Following review and discussion, Council asked Henry to request that Statewide Parking Lot Services, Inc. submit a second bid based on the square footage bid by Looker Asphalt, Inc.

Henry will do that within the week and get the information to Council via email. As Henry is hoping to have the repairs done before the end of August, Council will conduct an online vote to make a decision as to which bid to accept.

### Copy Machines

Troy Kehm-Goins presented information about two copiers currently used by MVLC. Current maintenance leases will expire in October, 2023. Quotes received for the purchase or lease and maintenance of copiers were received from United Business Machines and Pacific Office Automation.

*Motion:* Accept quote received from Pacific Office Automation as recommended by staff.

*Made By:* Dan Lysne

*Second:* Ken Swanson

*Action:* Passed

## **ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)**

### Trust Fund Check/Continuation of June Discussion

Bob Yost summarized the discussion of the disbursement of the Trust Fund donation discussion held at the June Council meeting. Council members discussed various ways in which to increase the “spending power” of the check received through matching fund from various sources.

*Motion:* Use check received in the Trust Fund with matching funds to provide a donation for a family/families in economic need.

*Made By:* Megan Hutton

*Second:* Ken Swanson

*Action:* Passed

## **INFORMATIONAL/OPERATIONAL ITEMS**

### Council Meeting Schedule/Meeting Responsibilities

Council Meeting Schedule and Meeting Responsibilities listing is posted on the Google Drive. Please check the schedule for your assignments. If you trade with someone, please send an email to Karen Hansen.

### Council Representation/Appreciation Opportunities

The updated listing of Council representation and appreciation opportunities has been posted on the Google Drive. In the past, Council members have taken on responsibility for “touching bases” each month with each of these groups to provide a connection between Council and Church membership and committees. Council members provide a short monthly report (due to Karen Hansen on the Friday before the Executive Team meeting. These reports will then be included in the items discussed by Executive Team in relation to the next Council meeting agenda. The reports need not be “essays.” Rather, they should be a short summary of what happened with a particular group during the previous month. Please note the due dates on your calendars (Friday prior to the Executive Team meeting). Questions should be directed to Karen Hansen.

### Council Installation Date

Council Installation date is set for Sunday, July 30 during the Worship service. Please let Pastor Eric know if you are unable to be in attendance.

### Council Work Day/September 30

Council work date is set for Saturday, September 30. This will be a Council “retreat” to be held at the Mountain View Community Center from 9 am to 4 pm. Please mark your calendars.

## **INFORMATIONAL/OPERATIONAL ITEMS (CONTINUED)**

### Council Contact Information

An updated Council information listing is posted on the Google Drive. Please let Karen Hansen know of any corrections.

### Pulpit Swap/July 23

Pastor Eric will “swap pulpits” with Pastor Rhonda Bostrom, Pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Mercer Island on Sunday, July 23.

## **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

An ongoing list of Council “To Do” items is posted to the Google Drive. Please let President Kevin know of additional items to be added to the list. Currently, the list includes the following items:

- Parking lot
- Property across the street
- Church management software (Shelby system)
- Columbarium
- Potential capital campaign
- 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (2029) Kickoff in Fall 2024
- Community Center Relationship

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Please review Property Committee report submitted by Fred Albert.

## **PASTORS’ REPORTS**

### Pastor Eric

Pastor Eric discussed the need to start planning the 125-year anniversary celebration of the Church and asked the question, “What big things do we want to accomplish during 2023-2024 that we can celebrate in 2029?”

He reminded Council members that the “Summer of Invitation” continues.

Pastor Eric is also beginning to gather a Stewardship Team to plan the “Season of Generosity.” He plans to teach a class on stewardship in the Fall.

**PASTORS' REPORTS (CONTINUED)**

Pastor Bri

Pastor Bri reviewed the report submitted to Council and responded to questions.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Closing prayer was let by Vice President Bob Yost.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary Karen Hansen