

Mountain View Lutheran Church • Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 20, 2021 • 6:30 p.m.
MVLC Library

Minutes

Attendance

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

Absent: Karen Hansen, Gretchen Johnsrud.

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

Call to order

President Bob Linden called the meeting to order.

Devotion

Bob Yost led devotions based upon Psalm 37:3, 5; Psalm 143:8; Proverbs 3; and the notion of trust, disappointment, and dashed expectations. However, we know that we can ask for guidance from God, in whom we can and *do* trust. The council prayed together.

Approval of minutes

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, June 15, 2021 meeting of the MVLC Church Council.

Submitted written reports

It was M/S/P to accept written reports that 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 June 2021 was much *lower* than expected. We ended the month with \$58,801 versus an expected amount of \$71,749 (-\$12,948). We are currently \$28,409 *below* our Spending Guideline for 2021, year to date.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, submitted by Bob Linden.

President Bob Linden and Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) Committee member Ed Egan are reorganizing the MEF Committee for its first meeting of the year.

PROPERTY REPORT, submitted by Dan Neptun.

The question of whether or not we want to continue to own the three parcels of property that comprise the "community garden" was raised. We currently pay \$3,776.13 in property taxes per year on them.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT, submitted by Dan Neptun.

The 2011 Church Administrator job description was reviewed and adjusted for our current needs regarding this position.

RETURN to WORSHIP REPORT, submitted by Sonja Dahl.

The Return to Worship Team provided guidelines for both worship at MVLC and for rental groups (AA, Boy Scouts, etc.) who use our facilities.

CALL COMMITTEE REPORT, submitted by Ken Swanson.

The Call Committee continues to meet weekly. It is now reviewing Rostered Minister Profiles (RMP) of potential candidates and will interview a few of them for the first time.

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

There have been some recent changes to the MVCC Board of Directors. The budget and goals for 2021–2022 have been approved.

GIRL SCOUTS REPORT, submitted by Emily Thompson.

Members of Girl Scout Troop 45219 have worked with the MVCC on setting up a Little Free Library on campus.

BOOKKEEPING REPORT, submitted by Carol Powers.

An engagement letter with Battershell & Nichols was signed for them to provide bookkeeping and payroll services for MVLC.

CELL TOWER REPORT, submitted by Carol Powers.

Legal review of the cell tower contract continues by attorneys for both MVLC and Verizon.

DEACONS REPORT, submitted by Ken and Sandi Swanson.
In-person Deacon sendings resumed on Sunday, July 4, 2021. In-person visits have also mostly resumed.

PEACE and JUSTICE REPORT, submitted by Beth Ann Johnson.
The Peace and Justice Ministry Group is working on identifying projects for “God’s Work, Our Hands” day on Saturday, September 11, 2021.

FRIENDS in FAITH REPORT, submitted by Karen Hansen.
Karen Hansen has been contacting leaders of the various Friends in Faith small groups to see if they are still active, are willing to reactive if inactive, and what may be needed to get some of them “healthy” once more.

MVLC CONSTITUTION REPORT, submitted by Gerry Philipsen.
The MVLC Constitution has been reviewed and revised by the MVLC Constitution Review Committee, with their recommendations being turned over to members of the MVLC Church Council for their review and input.

ADULT EDUCATION REPORT, submitted by Skip Harrison.
The schedule for the Sundays of fall 2021 has been completed.

PASTOR’S REPORT, submitted by Pastor Briana Merkle.

- The Nursery Attendant job description is complete and posted to various organizations. Members of the Council and the congregation are encouraged to share it with interested parties.
- Ken Swanson, Carianne Kehm-Goins, Jenny Grayum, Pastor Bri are serving as a team to form a job description for a part-time Children, Youth, and Family staff position that would focus on children’s ministry. Upon that position being filled, Pastor Bri would then focus on middle school and high school youth, and parents of all ages (to keep kids involved and parents involved).

PASTOR’S REPORT, submitted by Pastor Mike Greenwalt.

- Working with various “transition” teams—Constitution Review, Return to Worship, Staff Advocacy, and Bookkeeping/Financial Administration.
- Working to effect Administrative Pastor turn-over with Pastor Bri and Pastor Kim, in light of Pastor Mike’s upcoming departure.

PASTOR’S REPORT, submitted by Pastor Kim Latterell.

- Shifting of responsibilities for the pastoral staff, with Pastor Mike's departure.
- Pastor Kim will increase his preaching and teaching duties as Pastor Bri takes on more administrative duties.

Report action items

The following action items were approved.

Conversation was had about whether or not to continuing livestreaming worship services with the production work of a videographer. It was decided to continue as is for the time being.

Conversation was had about whether or not to sell the "community garden" parcels. It was decided that there is some benefit to keeping the parcels. This item will held for possible future conversation.

Pastor Mike will further refine the Church Administrator job description, especially considering the bookkeeping duties are now overseen by a vendor. Pastor Mike, Pastor Bri, and Carol Powers will then review and discuss the new job description's duties and responsibilities.

It was M/S/P to make Treasurer Jason Cornell a signer/online approver for paying our bills.

It was M/S/P to make Marlene Wright full-time (39.75 hours per week) ((increase her hours by 4 weeks)) during the transition from in-house bookkeeping to utilizing the Battershell & Nichols bookkeeping firm, for three months.

Closing prayer

Emily Thompson closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Kehm-Goins
Recording Secretary