

Mountain View Lutheran Church • Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 21, 2020 • 6:30 p.m.
Online meeting (via Zoom)

Minutes

Attendance

Present: Sonja Dahl, Bob Linden, Mary Beth Peterson, Carol Powers, Emily Thompson, Wendy Wadnizak, Karin Weberg, Julie Williams.

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

Call to order

President Carol Powers called the meeting to order.

Devotions

Emily Thompson led devotions based upon Isaiah 30:21 and leaning into God's voice "when you have a choice to make." The council prayed together.

Financial update

Treasurer Jason Cornell provided a financial update, including the following highlights:

- May and June have fallen under expected giving levels.
- We entered the month of May nearly even to our approved Spending Guideline, but as of June 30, our year-to-date giving was only equivalent to 95% of the Spending Guideline.
- Applying for and receiving a Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan via the Federal CARES Act, which allowed us to bring back our Custodian to full-time employment and fund salaries for the interim pastors.
- We should have justification for forgiveness of the loan, according to its stipulations, within ten weeks, according to Church Administrator Phil Edlund.
- The PPP loan "bridges the gap" between less giving and returning to a fully staffed office.

MVCC update

Julie Williams spoke regarding the following:

- The Mountain View Community Center has a new board of directors.
- MVCC finished their fiscal year (in June) with money in the bank.
- They hired a new program manager and will be hiring a staff person to oversee senior programs.
- Changes had to be made to the annual back-to-school program due to COVID-19.
- A representative from the MVLC Church Council to the MVCC Board of Directors is needed.

Pastor's report • Pastor Kim

Pastor Kim Latterell spoke regarding the following:

- Picking up books and other resources regarding transition from the Southwestern Washington Synod.
- Calling shut-ins and families, as well as others in need of pastoral care.
- Working on recruiting volunteers to help with reaching out to all members of the congregation via phone calls.
- Celebrating baptismal anniversaries of members in various formats—newsletter, prayers of the church during worship, and the like.
- Upcoming Zoom meeting with the Deacons.
- Welcoming Pastor Bri back to staff after her maternity leave.

Pastor's report • Pastor Mike

Pastor Mike Greenwalt spoke regarding the following:

- Meeting with Pastor Kim for a couple of hours this morning.
- A slight shift of weekly schedules to address “on the ground” needs.
- The Transition Team will take up a fair amount of his energy in the near future.
- Starting to intentionally look at bringing Pastor Bri back onboard. (It's a new pastoral team!)
- Working toward realizing the “Park and Praise” drive-in worship service with Holy Communion.
- “Season of Creation” 2020 for the Sundays of September.
- Regathering/recruiting a worship planning team to help with planning for the various seasons of the church.
- Establishing safe practices for worship, funerals, weddings, and baptisms, in order that all clergy and staff at MVLC are following a standard set of practices.

“Return to Worship” Team update
Sonja Dahl spoke regarding the following:

- The group is meeting each week.
- Primary work is creating a manual of guidelines.
- Approval was given the Scouts for a drive-thru award ceremony on 8/4 in the lower parking lot.
- Working with both the Iglesia Celebración de Vida and Temple of Praise congregations on returning to worship, finding them adequate spaces to worship and stay safe, and addressing other concerns they have.
- Jakob Boers is filming an informational/educational video regarding best practices for the “Park and Praise” worship service.

Memory book

The group is currently having a hard time finding a time to meet.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the MVLC Church Council is at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2020. Karin Weberg leads devotions.

Pastor Mike “prayed us out.”

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Kehm-Goins
Recording Secretary