

MOUNTAIN VIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
Church Council Meeting
July 23, 2024; 6:30 pm; ZOOM

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Present: Fred Albert, Monica Baker, Tomas Careaga, Jason Cornell (Treasurer), Kevin Dahl, Mary Beth Dahl, Karen Hansen, Skip Harrison, Megan Hutton, Becky Schaefer, Ken Swanson, Bob Yost

Absent: John Meagher

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Council President Megan Hutton at 6:34 pm.

OPENING PRAYER

Fred Albert led the Council in devotions relating to seasons of transition and change.

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 18, 2024 meeting were reviewed.

Motion: Approve the minutes as posted.

Made By: Kevin Dahl

Second: Fred Albert

Action: Passed

WRITTEN REPORTS

The written reports were reviewed.

Motion: Approve the reports as posted.

Made By: Bob Yost

Second: Kevin Dahl

Action: Passed

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jason Cornell presented a financial update for the month of June. He noted that tithes and offerings for the month of June were higher than expected. Total revenue was \$65,526 and total expenses were \$66,528 with net operating expenses totaling -\$1,002. He remarked that this was much better than the planned \$2,351 deficit for the month. Jason also commented that benevolences to be paid out in July also shows more paid out than expected after six months. Discussion followed.

PASTOR REPORTS

Pastor Eric

Councilmembers reviewed the report submitted by Pastor Eric. He also presented a short update on the search for an interim pastor. As we await the appointment of an interim pastor, volunteers have stepped up to assist with educational programs.

ACTION ITEMS

Call Committee

Ken Swanson updated the Council on the status of the Call Committee seeking a new Associate Pastor. After multiple meetings and conversations with congregational members, the Nominating Committee recommends the following individuals to serve on the Call Committee:

- Emily Thompson
- Terry Jensen
- Sam Jones
- Diane Nelson
- Gordon Adams
- Don Neptun
- Carianne Kehm-Goins
- Tristan Cornell

Pastor Eric will serve as an ex-officio member of the committee, Julie Williams will serve as a staff representative, and Ken Swanson will serve as Council representative.

Motion: Present the list of recommended nominees to the congregation for review and action.

Made By: Bob Yost

Second: Becky Schaefer

Action: Passed

The congregation will vote on the recommended slate of candidates at their next meeting on Sunday, July 28, 2024. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary right after worship with Council members assisting with the attendance and ballot distribution. Karen Hansen volunteered to serve as secretary at the meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Property Committee

Fred Albert referred Councilmembers to his report which is included with the agenda. The committee continues to work on a possible solution to the lighting in the Sanctuary.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Keys to Campus Buildings

Bob Yost updated Councilmembers on current plans regarding the change to a new key system as the current system is no longer being supported. Property Manager Henry Peck has identified a replacement system and is working on the installation of a more manual key system that can be managed internally. Bob volunteered to work with Treasurer Jason Cornell to identify a source of funding for the key replacement project.

Committee Assignments and Responsibilities

Megan Hutton referred Council members to the list of Committee Assignments and Responsibilities that is posted to the Google Drive. She asked Council members to review the list and come to the next meeting prepared to volunteer for a committee assignment.

INFORMATIONAL/OPERATIONAL ITEMS

Mark your Calendars

Council members were asked to mark their calendars for the following events:

- Congregational Meeting – Sunday, July 28, 2024 following Worship

Future Agenda Items

President Megan outlined the following items to be discussed over the next few months:

- Mountain View Community Center Lease
- Sanctuary Lighting Update
- Call Committee Update
- Refugee Family Status and Update
- Other

NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Church Library. Exec Team will meet as scheduled on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 4:30 pm.

CLOSING PRAYER

Closing prayer was led by Mary Beth Dahl.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary Karen Hansen

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Eric

Pastor Eric's Report for the July 2024 Council Meeting:

- Thank you for the time away to celebrate Soren's H.S. graduation. We had lots of family come out and it was fun to be together with our extended family in our new home.
- Thank you also for the time away for Rhonda and I to visit London with four of our Nebraska friends. If you want to see pictures from our trip, check out my Facebook page.
- Amy Boers officially started July 1 and played in worship on July 7. I sense a spirit of hope and excitement because of her presence.
- MVLC and MVCC are continuing to meet together and talk through changes and updates to the lease agreement. The new lease will begin Jan 1, 2025, but we have a lot of work and communication in the next several weeks. Jessie Holden and the MVCC board have been great partners in sharing input into these lease changes.
- I met with the Nominating Team July 1 and we have a good plan. We have a big list of folks we're asking to be a part of the Call Committee. When we have a final list of people who say "Yes" we'll meet again and narrow down the list to just the remaining openings we have on the Call Committee. The Nominating Team will present a slate on candidates for the Call Committee at the July 23 Council Meeting.
- Pastor Bri's final Sunday on June 16 was so amazing! Thank you for everyone who helped make this a very special milestone in the life of our congregation.
- A Refugee Team is meeting regularly for a monthly meeting. The refugee team is growing within our congregation and beyond our congregation. This meeting is an intentional way to ensure that all the work is shared and doesn't fall on one or two people.
- Marilyn Luckman has a stone sculpture of Stu's she would like to donate to MVLC. It's tall and slender and I feel it would fit easily into a corner of the Gathering Space. The Property Team will have more conversation about accepting this gift and if we accept this gift, where to put it.
- Saturday, July 6, MVLC hosted a rare wedding in our sanctuary. Ron Anderson married Karen Alderman. This was my first wedding in the state of Washington.
- Reminder: The staff are continuing to research and prepare for a transition to a new church management software, communication software, and online giving software. We are planning this transition to happen over many months and with multiple phases. The benefit of this transition will be significantly lower monthly costs and more user-friendly software. More to come on this.
- VBS this week! I deeply appreciate the army of volunteers that stepped up to the plate this year for VBS. The first day ran so smooth! This is a tribute to Pastor Bri's empowerment style of leadership and a credit to the faithfulness and giftedness of our congregational volunteers. Slap, Slap, Clap, Clap, Snap, Snap. VBS Volunteers!!

COUNCIL REPORTS

Property Committee

MVLC Property committee minutes May 7th, 2024 Submitted by Fred Albert

In attendance:

Bill Kohler

Carolyn Dahle

Steve Anderson

Kelvin Machumu

Henry Peck

Fred Albert

The committee discussed the following items:

- Bill Kohler demonstrated different LED lights in the sanctuary .After viewing the test fixtures effects, the committee agreed to proceed with expanding the LED changeouts on a set number of fixtures to determine what type of LED fixtures and defusers we should use for all the sanctuary fixtures.
- We will be renting two types of lifts soon, one for the sanctuary LED project and a second to address parking lot lights.
- The committee will start to review the lease agreements over the next month.

Next meeting is July TBD after the 4th.