

MOUNTAIN VIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
Church Council Meeting
August 15, 2023; 6:30 pm; MVLC Library

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Present: Fred Albert, Jason Cornell (Treasurer), Kevin Dahl, Mary Beth Dahl, Megan Hutton, Dan Lysne, John Meagher, Becky Schaefer, Bob Yost

Zoom: Karen Hansen

Absent: Jenny Grayum, Skip Harrison, Ken Swanson

Staff: Pastor Eric Bostrom

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Council President Kevin Dahl at 6:31 pm.

OPENING DEVOTION AND PRAYER

Mary Beth Dahl shared a devotion related to being a community following Christ and then led the Council in prayer.

MINUTES

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

Motion: Approve the minutes as presented.

Made By: Bob Yost

Second: Fred Albert

Action: Passed

WRITTEN REPORTS

The written reports were reviewed.

Motion: Approve the reports as presented.

Made By: Fred Alber

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 \$61,861 (This month target \$69,646). Tithes and Offerings this month are less than budgeted but up 19.1% since June 2023.
- Total Revenue this month – actual to budget \$63,524 (This month's target \$70,757). Total Revenue is up 18.5% since June 2023.
- Total Operating Expenses this month \$74,974 (This month's target \$80,113). Total Operating Expenses are down 11.8% since June 2023.
- Net Operating Revenue this month (\$11,450). This month's target was (9,356). Trend is 63.5% vs June 2023.

Jason noted that the report is “as expected.” Shortly, Jason expects to send a mid-year update on expenses to staff.

ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION

Stewardship Challenges

President Kevin indicated that Worship attendance is good this summer, but stewardship lags behind. He will give a Temple Talk after Gathering Day in September to help members remember the need to be faithful in their giving. The Season of Generosity will follow his presentation, and he will also write an article for the e-News.

Pastor Eric commented that stewardship is about raising people and not raising money. He stressed the need for a more “high-touch” strategy and less of the “broadcast messages” regarding stewardship.

Discussion followed regarding the stewardship challenges faced especially by young families as they work to provide support for a variety of educational and spiritual opportunities for their families.

Carpet

Carpet bids were received by Henry Peck from Abbey Carpet & Floor and Interior Motives. A third bid was received but didn't meet the criteria established by Henry.

Motion: Accept quote received from Interior Motives.

Made By: Bob Yost

Second: John Meagher

Action: Passed

ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Trust Fund Check

Pastor Eric indicated that a second \$5,000 check was received by Mountain View Lutheran Church. As with the first donation, the letter with the check indicates the donation is to be used for a “family in need.”

Green Team

President Kevin and Pastor Eric reviewed the nature of some work being done by members of the congregation. Their research concerns the savings that might be achieved through the use of solar power. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Council Work Day/September 30

President Kevin reminded Council members of the September 30 Council Work Day at the Church. He asked members to be thinking about topics which might be included in that discussion.

Vision 125

President Kevin continued discussion of the content of the Council work day by reviewing a discussion held in the recent Executive Team meeting regarding the new vision statement and the potential to develop some strategic directions around the vision.

INFORMATIONAL/OPERATIONAL ITEMS

Zahir Family Fundraising Meal/Update

President Kevin reminded the Council of the August 20, 2023 meal to be shared with the Zahir Family. Members of the Congregation have been working with this family to help them with their transition to the United States. The meal will be a fundraiser with the proceeds being used to fund a van for the family.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Columbarium Committee

Written report attached to agenda. Columbarium Committee is active and is meeting regularly.

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Please review President’s report, Columbarium Committee report, Property Committee report, and the Peace and Justice Committee report submitted by Council members.

PASTORS' REPORTS

Pastor Eric

Pastor Eric thanked the Council for the celebration of the anniversary of his Ordination and for the gifts he received.

Past Eric also briefly reviewed with Council the organizational responsibilities between Mountain View Lutheran Church and the Boy Scouts.

CLOSING PRAYER

Closing prayer was let by President Kevin Dahl.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary Karen Hansen