

Mt. View Lutheran Church Council

August 16, 2022

Church Library 6:30-7:30pm

MINUTES

Attendance

Present: Pastor Eric, Fred Albert, Ken Swanson, Kevin Dahl, Bob Yost, Skip Harrison, Gretchen Johnsrud, Joel DeWitt, Emily Thompson, Jason Cornell - Treasurer

Zoom: Karen Hansen, Jenny Grayum

Absent: Pastor Bri, Dan Lysne, Carol Powers

Call to Order

Kevin Dahl called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Devotion

Joel DeWitt shared a devotion Listening for God's Voice from 1 kings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was M/S/P to accept the minutes of the Tuesday July 19, 2022 meeting of the MVLC Church Council

SUBMITTED WRITTEN REPORTS

It was M/S/P to accept the written reports for the Tuesday Aug 16, 2022 Council Meeting that were submitted for its agenda by the following individuals and ministry groups:

Treasurer's Report - submitted by Jason Cornell

An in-person update was given on the current financial status of the congregation. It was the lowest giving month on record.

President's Report - Submitted by Kevin Dahl

Retreat Committee: We met on Thursday, 8/11, and were successful in putting together an outline/timeline for the retreat.

Administrator Position: The search continues for the right person to fill this position.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Jenny Grayum

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at Mountain View Lutheran Church shares God's love with others by knitting and crocheting shawls that can be given to patients in the hospital, nursing homes, etc. and in grief situations. The members also knit and crochet hats and scarves for the Community Center and hats for the Seafarer's Center.

They meet on the second Thursday of each month in the Church library at 9:30 am.

On September 8th, Barb Egan is planning to host a brunch for the Knitters and Crocheters.

In the future, they would also like to talk to our Pastors to see if the prayer shawls could be blessed in Church.

Peace and Justice - Fred Albert

- Letter going out to the benevolences we support asking what the impact is for the 1000.00 we gifted. This to help is evaluating next year's benevolences.

Property - Fred Albert

August projects:

- HoneyDoers will be restriping the parking lots.
- Painting some areas on the admin bldg where the original paint hasn't held up well against the southern exposure, and HoneyDoers will continue pressure cleaning building surfaces and keeping up with normal wear and tear across our campus/landscaping tasks.
- Changing out high lights in sanctuary (approx. 20' height). Present method is using orchard ladder requiring the person changing out the lights to climb up high enough on the ladder as to present a safety issue. Need to explore other alternatives which could result in lift rental.

- Changing out parking lots lights (30' – 35' height). Requires a lift. Rental of these tools not specifically named in budget.

The need for a lift was discussed and all agreed that we should no longer have Honey-Does on the orchard ladders changing lights. They are to rent a lift when necessary

There was also discussion about the need to improve sanctuary lighting and Bob Yost will be taking this information to the group working on the distribution of the \$120,000 funds raised.

- This fall, we would like to attempt to resolve if we can level out the dirt mounds in the overflow parking area that were piled there to save \$\$\$ during construction in 2016 by the builders of the new admin bldg. (BPCI Accrete Construction LLC). In past years, we've been confronted by city code enforcement staff and some nagging neighbors about our cleanup efforts along the east/SE edge of our property, adjacent to the wetland buffer area signs along the unofficial 'overflow lot.

After talking with The City our overflow parking area has is classified as wetland and as such it would require the church to hire a wetland specialist to access the impact. If we were to go ahead and do this, my recommendation would be to use the same wetland specialist we used with the original admin construction.

The process is as follows:

- Hire a wetland specialist to conduct a study of the impact
- Submit to city who will have a 3rd party specialist review that study and make recommendations (permit or not)
- Apply for a grading/leveling permit from the city
- Hire contractor and/or the equipment to level out the dirt

A rough estimate would be 8k-10k

The leveling of the lot was discussed and council did not see this as a priority.

Altar Guild - Joel DeWitt

Everything is going well with the Altar Guild. Their annual meeting, where potential members can come and ask questions to see if they would like to join, is coming up at the end of September or early October.

Once they firm up the date they would like Troy to include the info in the bulletin and in an e-news.

Grief Group - Emily Thompson

This group meets once a month, first Wednesday of the month at 1pm in the All Saints Room and is led by Lynn Wadnizak. Anyone who has personally had a death in the family within our congregation will get a personal invite and will usually get asked 3-4 times and again in Advent season. For those who indicate they want to continue to participate Lynn will email and text updates and time reminders and for others, she doesn't push. Topics vary from a borrowed sermon, text and include sharing a memory and keeping the loved ones a part of our lives.

If there is a new guest, they share their name, death anniversary, circumstances and anything they feel comfortable sharing and the group provides a prayer shawl. The group keeps a record of "1st" anniversaries and sends out cards. The group is entertaining a video suggestion from Pastor Eric. An evening group option might be helpful for those who work during the day. The current group is an older group and don't do well with night driving so they may need another facilitator for that to use a video option.

Non members are welcome and have come in the past. Lynn encourages professional groups like hospice or Good Sam as additions to the group-the practical and spiritual work well together. There is nothing saying this has to just be Mt. View only though, so all are welcome.

Campus Safety - Ken Swanson

I have been in contact with Troy. He has done a lot of research, and has been in contact with Homeland Security. They provide extensive training, and some site specific consultation. Troy talked about putting together a group including ushers, mentors, and others involved in campus life to address the campus safety issue. I plan to follow up with this conversation soon

Ken will work with Troy on setting up a date for Homeland Security to come out and provide training.

MVCC - Gretchen Johnsrud

They are working with Edgewood to become a heating/cooling site. They will be beginning their Thursday Seeds of Change meal in October every other week.

Hannah Johnsrud Seminary Expenses

Hannah's asked for \$6,659 from the MVLC Seminary Fund to support Hannah Johnsrud in Seminary, with her housing costs.

It was M/S/P to distribute \$6,559 from the MVLC Seminary Fund to support Hannah Johnsrud in Seminary.

Stewardship - Jenny Grayum

The stewardship theme will be "Season of Generosity"

It will begin in October and culminate with a brunch in November

Pastor's Written reports

Pastor Eric

Our planning for this Fall's mid-week meal/worship/education is taking more shape. After initial brainstorming of the idea of moving all of our mid-week energy to Thurs in partnership with the Community Center, we are feeling better with keeping our mid-week meal/worship/education for our church on Wed. and still partnering and supporting the Thursday "Seeds of Hope" with meal volunteers and offering our educational space.

Pastor Bri and I will complete our summer video series in August. We've had positive feedback for this and are beginning to plan the next top of videos.

I presided at the celebration of life for Rev. Don Fossum. This was my first funeral at Mt View. I am grateful for the army of volunteers that carried out a very smooth worship service and reception.

The Deacon ministry welcomed 9 new deacons and Ken and Sandi Swanson and myself led a new orientation Aug 6. These new deacons will be paired up with experienced deacons and will be included in the deacon rotation starting now.

The Director of Administration position continues to be difficult to fill. We are struggling to either identify candidates or have candidates show up for interviews after they are scheduled.

I interviewed for Choral Union in July and I officially made the choir. I am singing Baritone and rehearsals begin in September on Monday evenings.

Pastor Bri

Flathead: Pope and I took 4 MVLC youth to Flathead this year. While a small group, they all had a really positive experience. I am weighing whether it is worth the investment of time to go to Flathead every year, especially with such a small group this year. However, I was again impressed with the quality of programming and content they offer. Pope and I will be discerning if we go again next year or take a year off. If you have thoughts regarding this, please share them with us.

Cornerstone Camping: Several of our young families had a camping weekend together out at the Neptun Family property in Port Angeles. Hopefully you've seen some photos from the weekend. For the families who participated, opportunities like this are a significant part of what helps them feel connected and invested in the Mt. View community.

Fall planning for Rock Ministry: Pope, Carianne (Rock Ministry Superintendent) and I will meet via Zoom with the mentors to discuss a revised structure and curriculum for Sunday morning. We're looking at a "rotational model" where we focus on one Bible story for several weeks in a row, with each week centered around a different activity to help kids experience the story. One week involves a cooking activity, another art, drama, service, games, etc. Given that we have had lower consistent participation on Sundays this last year, this new model will be helpful in combining classes, needing fewer mentors each Sunday, and allowing kids/youth to still take in the story even if they only get 2 out of the 4 weeks in a month. We haven't finalized this decision and are seeking mentor input before we settle on the model we'll use beginning in September.

Children's Space in the Sanctuary: I'm curious to hear your reflections on this space so far. We anticipate it gaining in use as we reach September and families return from summer travels. We'll begin to intentionally plan sermon-time

activities for the kids and other activities throughout worship which will utilize this space.

Midweek Worship Planning: PE and I have been working on the layout for midweek services beginning Sept. 14th. We'll gather for Holden Evening Prayer following dinner. Worship will be oriented around Discipleship Practices and incorporating a spiritual practice into each service.

Vacation: I am on vacation from August 15th to 28th (a full two weeks). Thank you for the time away. This long break in the summer affords time with family who live out of state and time to truly renew before the Fall.

Closing Prayer - Jenny Grayum

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretchen Johnsrud
Council Secretary

