

MOUNTAIN VIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
Church Council Meeting
August 20, 2024; 6:30 pm; ZOOM

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Present: Monica Baker, Kevin Dahl, Mary Beth Dahl, Karen Hansen, Skip Harrison, Megan Hutton, Ken Swanson

Zoom: John Meagher, Jason Cornell (Treasurer), Becky Schaefer, Bob Yost

Absent: Fred Albert, Tomas Careaga

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Council President Megan Hutton in the MVLC Library at 6:33 pm.

OPENING PRAYER

Skip Harrison led the Council in devotions inspired by words from *Luther's Writings* and the *Lutheran Book of Prayer*.

MINUTES

The minutes of the July 23, 2024 meeting were reviewed.

Motion: Approve the minutes as posted.

Made By: Kevin Dahl

Second: Skip Harrison

Action: Passed

WRITTEN REPORTS

The written reports were reviewed.

Motion: Approve the reports as posted.

Made By: Ken Swanson

Second: Kevin Dahl

Action: Passed

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jason Cornell presented a financial update for the month of July. He noted that tithes and offerings for the month of July were \$950 higher than expected. Total revenue was \$64,700 and total expenses were \$68,291 with net operating expenses totaling -\$2,090. He remarked that this was much better than the planned \$5,789 deficit for the month. Expenses are also somewhat

higher due to additional benevolences paid during July. Due to the departure of Pastor Bri, personnel expenses are lower than budgeted. Overages were covered by transferring designated funds from appropriate accounts to cover the approved expenditures. The Living Hope Campaign currently has a balance of \$66, 591, the MEF balance is \$259,533, and the Seminarian Fund is at \$29,165.

Jason is beginning to work with Andrea to build the 2025 Spending Guideline and asked Council members to talk with their ministry groups to provide input regarding their financial needs for 2025 and outlined the plan for building the budget. The congregation will vote on the budget at their meeting on Sunday, November 24. Discussion followed.

ACTION ITEMS

Sanctuary Lighting and Ladder/Capital Funding

Councilmembers continued discussion from last meeting regarding sanctuary lighting issues. Considerable savings can be achieved by replacing light bulbs and related items with newer bulbs and supplies. To do so, however, it may be necessary to purchase a newer, safer ladder and/or scaffolding as well as the rental of a lift.

Motion: Approve up to \$5,000 for the completion of the sanctuary lighting project by recommending the purchase of light bulbs, needed supplies, and a ladder or scaffolding and the rental of a lift if needed.

Made By: Kevin Dahl

Second: Mary Beth Dahl

Action: Passed

Money for this project would come from the Living Hope Campaign.

MEF Update

Bob Yost, Council Representative to the MEF Committee distributed minutes from the August 11, 2024 MEF Committee meeting. MEF Chair Beth Ann Johnson presented a review of the minutes and the status of the work of the Committee. She hopes to release grant applications mid-September with a due date around the first of November.

MEF Grant Priorities

MEF Grant priorities focus on activities related to the mission , ministry, and vision of Mountain View Lutheran Church.

PASTOR REPORTS

Pastor Eric

Councilmembers reviewed the report submitted by Pastor Eric while he updated Council on the work of the Call Committee and the committee working on the development of the lease with the Community Center. He also announced a Men's Retreat scheduled for January 11-12 at Black Lake Bible Camp near Olympia.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Committee Responsibilities

This item will be discussed at the Council Retreat in September.

Council Member Bios

President Megan asked everyone to review the Council page on the Website updating Bios or creating new ones as needed. Information should be sent to Troy Kehm-Goings.

Council Group Photo

A group photo will be taken at the September 17 Retreat.

INFORMATIONAL/OPERATIONAL ITEMS

Mark your Calendars

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

- Gathering Day – Sunday, September 8, 2024
- Council Meeting/Retreat – Tuesday, September 17, 2024; dinner will be served at 5:30 pm with the meeting from 6 to 8 pm.
- Council Meeting/Budget – Tuesday, October 15, 2024; 6:30 pm
- Virtual Budget Meeting/Tentative – Tuesday, October 22, 2024; 6:30 pm – HOLD THE DATE
- Season of Generosity Kickoff
- Presentation of 2025 Spending Guidelines during Adult Education – Sunday, November 3, 2024
- Consecration Sunday – Sunday, November 17, 2024 following Worship; dinner will be served.
- Council Meeting – Tuesday, November 19, 2024; 6:30 pm
- Congregational Meeting – Sunday, November 24, 2024 following Worship

Future Agenda Items

None discussed.

NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024; dinner will be served at 5:30 pm with the meeting from 6 to 8 pm. The updated Council Meeting Schedule was distributed, and it is posted to the Google Account.

CLOSING PRAYER

Closing prayer was led by Megan Hutton.

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 August 2024 Council Meeting:

- Deborah Vanderley is our new volunteer Rock Ministry Administrator. Please welcome her!
- I spent a fruitful week with Diana Miller and Barry Johnsrud and ten of our youth at the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.
- I presided at the memorial service for Ed Stark on August 3.
- Anna Broome, an M.Div. study from Seattle Pacific University requested an internship experience here at Mt View because she lives in Milton. We declined this opportunity because while we are in transition we are able to provide experiences for an unexperienced leader to grow.
- A overnight men's retreat in partnership with Pastor Chad Johnson and Grace Lutheran in Des Moines is scheduled for Jan 2025.
- On Aug 2 we had 70 people at the Tacoma Rainers game.
- I am in communication with Pastor Rebecca Shjerven about possibilities for a temporary part-time associate pastor interim. There is a possible name that we could receive soon.
- The lease with the Food Bank and MVCC is being updated and a rental amount will cover our costs of operation of the building, plus some savings for future capital projects. Estimated rent from MVCC is around \$1300/month and estimated rent from Foodbank is \$1000/month.
- The sanctuary lighting improvement project is moving forward at a very affordable cost. The council should begin visioning the new purpose for those campaign dollars.
- Call Committee had their orientation meeting with Pastor Shjerven on Tuesday, Aug 13. Next step is put together the MSP. Call Committee will also give a presentation to the congregation on Gathering Day at 9:30am, Sept 8.
- We are beginning our transition from Shelby to Tithe.ly & Breeze. This is a big transition for the staff, but we will be taking it bit by bit over the next 6 months. We will be communicating the changes that the congregation will need to know in the Fall when the time is appropriate.