

MOUNTAIN VIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
Church Council Retreat/Meeting
September 17, 2024; 5:30 pm

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Present: Monica Baker, Tomas Careaga, Kevin Dahl, Mary Beth Dahl, Karen Hansen, Skip Harrison, Megan Hutton, Becky Schaefer, Ken Swanson, Bob Yost

Absent: Fred Albert, John Meagher

CALL TO ORDER

The retreat/meeting was called to order by Council President Megan Hutton in the MVLC Library at 5:45 pm. The retreat/meeting was opened in prayer. Dinner was served, and a free will offering was taken to cover the cost of the meal. Council thanked Meagan for providing dinner.

MEETING/RETREAT

Councilmembers spent the retreat/meeting in prayerful contemplation and discussion on:

- “Getting to Know You”
- Role and Responsibility of the Council
- 2024-2025 Council Goals
- Vision for the Future/Big Ideas

COUNCIL GROUP PHOTO

A group photo of the Council members present was taken.

INFORMATIONAL/OPERATIONAL ITEMS

Mark your Calendars

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

- 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

NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

CLOSING PRAYER

Monica Baker.

ADJOURNMENT

The retreat/meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary Karen Hansen

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Eric

Pastor Eric's report for the September Council meeting:

- Gathering Day - I felt good about the energy and spirit on Sept 8, Gathering Day. The special activities we planned for youth, parents, and mentors all seemed to be well received. I've also heard good reports about the Call Committee presentation.
- Interim pastor update - Pastor Rebecca Shjerven in the Synod Office, has been keeping me updated on her progress or rather lack of progress in finding Mt View an interim pastor. The issue is that I'm asking for someone to specifically help with Rock Ministry and most retired pastors don't want to do this kind of work. Pastor Shjerven did ask about our willingness to engage with full-communion partnerships. This means an interim pastor who's Presbyterian, Episcopal, or Methodist. I said, Yes we are open to this.
- Lighting Improvement Complete - The new lights were ready by Gathering Day and several people noticed the improvement, the brightness, and evenness of the light. Gathering Day was so busy, though, that I didn't bring attention to it. I will recognize Bill Kohler, the Property Team, and the Honey Doers for their good work on Sept 15, though.
- Call Committee Update - Ken Swanson will share this.
- Rock Ministry Update - Sunday Rock Ministry Hour will begin with 15 minutes of music for everyone, then move to an age-appropriate classroom for lesson time.
- Don Neptun offering a weekly guitar class for all ages on Sunday mornings at 10:45am in the Life Together Hall.
- Amy Boers and the Worship & Music Team have decided to rearrange the seating arrangement in the Sanctuary for the Sundays in November. Taking advantage of the flexibility of our chairs, they will be arranged in the round.
- Amy Boers and the Worship & Music Team have also decided on a new worship experience for Thanksgiving Eve. It's called "At the Table" and it's a dinner and worship combined experience.
- The MVLC lease team is working closely with the MVCC lease team. We are reaching out to Jim Hushagen for legal assistance in cleaning up the language of the lease.
- Dates of the Season of Generosity will be Nov 3-17. Consecration Sunday will be Nov 17 with a brunch and program at 9:30am. This year's Season of Generosity will look and feel different. We are creating a daily devotional, a Saturday Stewardship Prayer Vigil, and a Life of Generosity Blackout BINGO challenge for the whole congregation.
- Men's Retreat, Jan 11-12, 2025, registration is now live. Look for the link in the E-News and website.
- Pastor Bri's Installation at St Marks will be Sunday afternoon, Oct 13.
- I am filling in for Pastor Bri with the Stepping Stone of Faith retreats. Deborah Vanderley is helping me. First one is the Acolyte Training retreat on Sunday Sept 15.

- Teaching a Discipleship Class on the Ten Commandments for Wednesday Night Live.

Pastor Eric