

Mt. View Lutheran Church Council  
 October 18, 2022  
 Church Library 6:30-7:30pm

## **MINUTES**

### **Attendance**

**Present:** Pastor Eric, Pastor Bri, Fred Albert, Ken Swanson, Kevin Dahl, Bob Yost, Skip Harrison, Gretchen Johnsrud, Emily Thompson, Carol Powers, Karen Hansen  
 Jason Cornell - Treasurer

**Zoom:** Joel DeWitt, Dan Lysne

**Absent:** Jenny Grayum

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Devotion**

Karen Hansen shared a devotion about how we deal with stresses in life. Philippians 4:6 - Do not be anxious about anything. John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**It was M/S/P to accept the minutes of the Tuesday September 20, 2022 meeting of the MVLC Church Council**

### **SUBMITTED WRITTEN REPORTS**

**It was M/S/P to accept the written reports for the Tuesday Nov. 15 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.

Jason presented a detailed look at the spending guideline. There was much discussion around staff salaries and raises for staff. Everyone agreed that we could not present a spending guideline that was more than the 2022 spending guideline due to low giving

this year. Council was asked to think and pray about this and we would meet by zoom in a week to vote on what we would present to the congregation.

### **President's Report - Submitted by Kevin Dahl**

- **Council/Staff Retreat:** Thank you to all the staff and council who attended the retreat and for the hard work engaged in during our time together.
- **Retreat Work:** The executive team has begun the work of exploring next steps in our visioning process begun at the retreat and would like to entertain ideas from the council at large. We are asking one member of each retreat small group to be involved in the next steps.
- The pastors are looking for help in editing the video that will be done for the Christmas Day message.
- We moved our December council meeting up a week to December 13

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry - Jenny Grayum**

On October 6th, a group of 9 members met at Barb Egan's house for brunch and to knit and crochet. Thank you to Pastor Eric who also joined the gathering.

### **Worship and Music - Kevin Dahl**

Worship and Music met via zoom on Monday evening, September 26. The purpose of the meeting was to review plans for the Advent and Christmas seasons and to elicit ideas for additional imagery to be used during the season, both in Sunday worship and during the Advent Midweeks. Specific items discussed included:

- Advent theme of *From Generation to Generation*
- Choir will be singing a cantata during both services on Sunday, 12/11
- Haugen's Creation Setting will be used during worship and Unfailing Light during the midweek services.
- The Scripture readings from the Narrative Lectionary were shared.

### **Property - Fred Albert**

September projects:

- We still have crosswalks, curbs, and arrows to paint on the various parking lots. We are grateful that Skip Harrison had the equipment and time to get the striping completed several Fridays ago!
- Additionally, we took out the overgrown maple in the NW corner of the chapel. I'll find a dwarf tree/bush to plant in its space.

- John and Carolyn Dahle are assisting the MVCC staff with extending the irrigation system south of the MVCC SW corner to help with step one of establishing their 'senior garden.'

Ongoing projects:

- Dan has submitted a budget for property concerns to Jason Cornell a couple of weeks ago. I chose a conservative approach to spend plan development, so there is no 'fluff' in the submittal, making it another lean year for new projects.
- When we figure out how the parking lot fixtures are wired (110V or 220V), we'll put together a plan for changing them to LED fixtures, send council a project price list, and then we'll coordinate use of a lift for lighting, pressure washing the MVCC building, and trimming up the big oak along 122nd Ave E.
- We continue to work on trimming back the tree/brush growth around the perimeter of the 'back forty'/old overflow parking area, and that will continue as time and energy allow.

### **Mission Endowment - Beth Ann Johnson**

I have sent the MEF application to Troy this week so it can be posted on enews. We made only one minor change this year: we are asking for a report at both the 6 month mark AND after 12 months, so we can share with the congregation where the funds are going.

Grant applications will be due November 11th. They will be shared with the full committee the following week, and we will make our recommendations to the council before Thanksgiving. We should be able to announce grant awards around December 5th.

### **Deacons - Ken Swanson**

On September 17th, the Deacon Ministry held a half-day on campus retreat. We began with a fellowship hour, after which Pastor Eric led a devotion and discussion surrounding our summer reading: The Wounded Healer (Ministry in Contemporary Society} by Henri J.M. Nouwen.

This was our first opportunity for all the new deacons to meet with the rest of the members of the ministry. Following introductions and conversation, we took care of the normal housekeeping issues, such as updating contact lists. We were also to talk about issues surrounding the nuts-and-bolts of deacon visits.

## **MVCC - Gretchen Johnsrud**

It was M/S/P to accept MVCC's request to approve a Senior Garden on the south side of the community center. The approval will be contingent upon an agreed upon MOU between MVLC and MVCC regarding the specific improvements and maintenance plan for the garden.

## **Stewardship - Jenny Grayum**

We are only a few weeks away before we launch our Season of Generosity. During these three weeks (10/30-11/13) we will hear from members during worship, receive information and messages via mail, have opportunities to hear about Mt View's giving, join in fellowship and celebration over a brunch and all will be invited to submit a pledge card for the coming year.

On 11/13, Consecration Sunday, brunch will be served at 9:30am in the Life Together Hall for everyone (members, guests and visitors)! Thank you Lori Neptun for your lead with brunch. Youth will also be invited to help prep, set up and serve.

Every person or family that submits a pledge for 2023 will write their name on a leaf and attach it to a Giving Tree. Not all pledges will be given on Nov 13, some will come in the weeks following. The Giving Tree will remain up for the rest of 2022. Names will continue to be added to the Giving Tree as more pledges come in.

## **Pastor's Written reports**

### **Pastor Eric**

- The Stewardship Team is at the end of our planning. Now we just execute what we've have put into place.
- We began the Narrative Lectionary for Sunday worship. There have been several curious questions from people. Some are noticing the absence of a Gospel reading. These responses are normal responses to change.
- Wednesday meal and Holden Evening prayer began. A spiritual practice is led by PE or PB during Holden.
- I began rehearsing with Choral Union and sang in 5 performances of Carmina Burana. I've met many wonderful people in Choral Union, and many are familiar with Mt View and hold our congregation in high regard.

- Staff/Council retreat was planned with a small team to focus on discerning our mission.

### **Pastor Bri**

- New Member Reception: We'll receive our class of new members into the congregation on Sunday Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. New members will be recognized and welcomed at their usual church service, whether early or late.
- Pastoral Acts: I presided over the memorial for John Anderson and a graveside service for Tom Wright. John Tveter was baptized. And in early November I will preside at the graveside service for Cecelia Purvis.
- Children's Space: I've begun recruiting others to develop activities and lead the children while in the children's space. This is a great opportunity for those who are creative or crafty.
- Children's Christmas Drama: Brenna has been working on recruiting kids to act in an Christmas drama. A select number of kids who want to participate in the acting will form a small cast, while other Rock kids will help with art for the set and will join in other special Advent projects. The Drama will be performed on Sunday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> during Ed hour.
- Winter Planning: Staff is having a Winter Calendar planning day next Tuesday to begin looking at programmatic plans through the Winter season.

Closing Prayer - Karen Hansen

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretchen Johnsrud  
Council Secretary

