

Mountain View Lutheran Church • Church Council Meeting
Tuesday 05 November 2019 • 6:30 p.m.
MVLC Library

Minutes

Attendance

Present: Michael Brauhn, Jason Cornell, Sonja Dahl, Carol Powers, Emily Thompson, Wendy Wadnizak, Karin Weberg, Julie Williams.

Absent: Bob Linden, Mary Beth Peterson.

Staff: Troy Kehm-Goins, Pastor Briana Merkle, Pastor John Vaswig.

Call to order

President Carol Powers called the meeting to order.

Devotions

Karin Weberg led devotions based upon scripture passages focused upon anxiousness—Philippians 4:6-7; 1 Timothy 1:7; 1 John 4:18; Proverbs 12:25; Matthew 6:34; and 1 Peter 5:6-7. The council prayed together.

Minutes

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Tuesday 22 October 2019 meeting of the MVLC Church Council.

Pastor's report

Pastor Briana Merkle spoke regarding the following:

- The high school “Faith Stories” retreat as a “capstone event” of sorts— with work prior to it; honest engagement, questions, and small group conversations during it; and follow up classes during Sunday morning Rock Ministry classes.
- Trunk or Treat went well. Half of the children present were from the community. The main benefit was having the members of MVLC in life together with one another.
- Powerful moments during the All Saints Youth Worship. Even though there had been hope for a larger turnout, there was a positive response from those in attendance.

- The upcoming Middle Rock (5/6/7) lock-in on Friday 11/22 and Saturday 11/23.
- Continued preparations for teaching Adult Education in January 2020.
- Looking ahead toward leading Women's Bible Study in 2020.

Pastor's report

Pastor John Vaswig spoke regarding the following:

- Being pleased with attendance at the Consecration Breakfast, as well as for Carol Cacciola's leadership in preparing the meal.
- Weekly worship attendance is increasing.
- Recruiting for Thanksgiving Eve homilists.
- Initial stages of the "Living Hope: Past, Present, and Future" capital campaign, with an initial announcement about it toward the end of the 11/17 Congregational Meeting.
- "Narrowing Down, Focusing In" as the Advent theme, for both Sunday adult education and Advent midweek worship.

2020 Spending Guideline

The 2020 Spending Guideline was reviewed again, especially focusing upon the shared music director position and LEAF Scholarship.

It was M/S/P to recommend the 2020 Spending Guideline, including the 11/5/2019 changes at the Sunday 11/17 Congregational Meeting.

Mission Endowment Fund grant approval

The Mission Endowment Fund Committee recommended approval of the following grant amounts:

- \$15,325 for audio-visual improvements for the Grace Place.
- \$375 for North Pierce County Community Coalition.
- \$3,300 for microphones for the Sanctuary.
- \$1,000 for yard improvements at the Edgewood location of Ashley House.
- \$2,000 for Mountain View Community Center projects.
- \$1,000 for chairs with arms for seniors in the Gathering Space.

It was M/S/P to approve the recommended MEF grant amounts, as listed above, totaling \$23,000.

Cell phone tower

Michael Brauhn will present the work to date with Verizon Wireless, regarding a potential cell phone tower residing on the MVLC campus, at ExALT on Wednesday 11/6.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the MVLC Church Council is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday 03 December 2019 in the Library. Julie Williams leads devotions.

Meetings for January and February 2020 were scheduled, each at 6:30 p.m. in the MVLC Library.

- Tuesday, January 14, 2020. Michael Brauhn leads devotions.
- Tuesday, January 28, 2020. Jason Cornell leads devotions.
- Tuesday, February 11, 2020. Sonja Dahl leads devotions.
- Tuesday, February 25, 2020. Bob Linden leads devotions.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Troy Kehm-Goins
Recording Secretary