

Mountain View Lutheran Church • Church Council Meeting Tuesday,
December 7, 2021 • 6:30 p.m.
MVLC Library

Minutes

Attendance

Present: Karen Hansen, Skip Harrison, Gretchen Johnsrud, Bob Linden, Ken Swanson, Bob Yost, Gerry Philipsen, Carol Powers, Treasurer Jason Cornell.

Absent: Emily Thompson, Pastor Bri Merkle, Pastor Kim

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Guest: Kevin Dahl, Beth Ann Johnson

Call to order

President Bob Linden called the meeting to order.

Devotion

Karen Hansen led the council in a time of devotion and prayer.

Approval of minutes

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021 meeting of the MVLC Church Council.

Submitted written reports

It was M/S/P to accept written reports for Tuesday, December 7, 2021 that were submitted from the following individuals and ministry groups, including some of these highlights:

TREASURER'S REPORT, submitted by Jason Cornell.

An in-person update on the current financial status of the congregation

MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND, submitted by Beth Ann Johnson. A presentation of the 3 grant requests.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE, submitted by Bob Yost. There have been several interviews, but there has not been a viable candidate for the position.

Report action items

The following action items were discussed.

Kevin Dahl presented the Call Committee's "candidate of choice" to the Council. Kevin discussed the Committee's candidate interview process with Council members and then fielded their questions about the "candidate of choice."

It was M/S/P to accept the Rev. Eric Bostrom as the candidate of choice on the recommendation of the call committee.

Beth Ann Johnson gave a report on the applications for MEF. There was discussion about the council receiving updates both at 6 months and 1 year on how the money was used and the impact of the money.

It was M/S/P to approve the distribution of the Mission Endowment funds as recommended by the MEF committee.

This year's grant monies are to be distributed as follows:

\$3,000 for Rock Ministry

\$6,650 to assist Mt. View youth for travel expenses to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2022

\$2,500 to the Mt. View Community Center for their Study Buddy program.

\$3,500 for equipment upgrades used for Mt. View video worship streaming

\$15,650 in total distributions for 2021

Grant recipients will receive their checks during a worship service in the next few weeks

Bob Linden led a discussion about the need for pastoral coverage starting in January to support Pastor Bri until a Lead Pastor is hired. For this short term coverage he suggested a “Bridge Pastor”. This person would cover some preaching, pastoral care, adult ed oversight, midweek Lent planning and Sunday Lent services and occasional staff meetings. The cost would be \$40 an hour for an average of 15 hours a week.

It was M/S/P to approve a short term contract with a Bridge Pastor for an average of 15 hours a week at \$40 an hour.

The meeting ended in a short Executive Session

Closing prayer

Ken Swanson closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Johnsrud
Council Secretary