

Mt. View Lutheran Church Council  
December 13, 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, Karen Hansen  
Jason Cornell - Treasurer

**Zoom:** Joel DeWitt, Dan Lysne

**Absent:** Jenny Grayum, Carol Powers

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Devotion**

Gretchen Johnsrud shared a devotion about our new possible mission statement and the word Journey, and what does it mean to be on a journey with Christ.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**It was M/S/P to accept the minutes of the Tuesday November 15, 2022 meeting of the MVLC Church Council**

## **SUBMITTED WRITTEN REPORTS**

**It was M/S/P to accept the written reports for the Tuesday December 13, 2022 Council Meeting that were submitted for its agenda by the following individuals and ministry groups:**

### **MEF in person Report - Beth Ann Johnson**

Beth Ann shared that there were 6 applications submitted, with one being turned in late. The committee has recommended approving 5 of them with the possibility of a 6th after they collect more information from the applicant for a total of \$13,000.

The committee plans on having the checks distributed at a worship service. There will also be a 6 month update on how the money has been used and impact on people/programs.

**It was M/S/P to approve the 5 grant applications and up to 2,500 to the outstanding grant application if the MEF committee approves their grant.**

### **Treasurer's Report - submitted by Jason Cornell**

Because our meeting was early this month Jason gave an abbreviated report on the financials. He will share updated numbers when they are available. He is working with the Property committee to schedule the replacement of the electrical panels at MVCC

He brought up some other things for the council to think about as we are trying to streamline our spending and clean up our accounting.

IT contract is going up in cost

Streaming worship \$15,000 a year

Postage

Pastor's discretionary fund

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

- The executive committee recommended allocating a total of \$1500 to be equally distributed to each staff/clergy as a gift of appreciation. Some council members are going to increase their giving in the month of December to cover some of that cost.
- **It was M/S/P pay each staff member \$250 as a gift of appreciation.**
- At November congregational meeting, a motion was passed tasking the council with ensuring that a path was in place for our young people to affirm their baptism and become voting members of the congregation. Discussion was had on improving our communication of the things that we already have in place to make this happen.
- Worship and Music Committee is suggesting moving to one service in the summer. Discussion was had on the benefits of getting to know people from both services.

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

The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to meet on a monthly basis. This month they are meeting to pair up knit hats they made with matching mittens to donate to the MVCC.

## Property - Fred Albert

November projects:

Community electrical update: The bids came in and are with Jason Cornell news regarding replacement of the one-to-three breaker panels in the food bank.

The campus annual fire safety inspections occurred Nov 30<sup>th</sup>

Ongoing projects:

- Repairing electrical service in community center.
- We will be coordinating a 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.

## MVCC - Gretchen Johnsrud

The senior garden is starting to come together. The path leading to the garden and the irrigation is installed. Thanks to Carolyn and John Dahle!

MVCC Submitted the proposed MOU between MVCC and MVLC regarding the senior garden. Dan Nepun had some additions and council decided that Dan should work with MVCC to come up with another proposal and submit the new one to the Council.

## Stewardship - Jenny Grayum

The Season of Generosity wrapped up on 11/12/2022. Thank you to all involved! The three weeks of this season were filled with letters, prayers, talks during services, social media sharing, a giving tree, and a brunch for all!

It has been reported that as of November 30, our total amount pledges for 2023 are just **over \$620,000.**

Highlights:

- 121 pledges (as of 11/30) totaling over \$620,000.
- 34 pledges from giving units (families or individuals) that did not pledge in 2022.
- 48 giving units increased their pledge from 2022 to 2023. 28 of those increased their pledge by more than 10%.

## Pastor's Written reports

### Pastor Eric

- The Season of Generosity concluded on Nov 13 with a Consecration Sunday. The overall number of pledges from giving units grew to 121 pledges and the overall dollars pledged is over \$620K.
- Mission Statement Update: Emily, Fred, Ken, and I met last Saturday and the statement we came up with is “On a journey with Christ, we GROW with a curious mind, LOVE with an open heart, and SHARE with a generous spirit.” We also like the idea of expressing our mission on three different levels.
  - Level 1 – GROW LOVE SHARE
  - Level 2 – (the mission statement above)
  - Level 3 – Three short paragraph statements for GROW LOVE SHARE.
- Karen and Gene Quandt have asked Mountain View to help with a refugee project they are beginning. Over the winter, their home is empty while they spend time in NM. So, they are opening their home to a LCS refugee family. The Quandt's have asked MVLC members to help support this family and many have already said, “yes.”
- Adult Ed Team meet and planned Adult Education for the first half of 2023. We will have two PLU professors teaching on Sunday mornings: Kevin O'Brien and Seth Dowland. Glenn Petersen will teach two classes of hymnology. Pastor Eric will teach the Book of Revelation. Pastor Bri is organizing three interfaith speakers for a series we're calling “Honoring Our Neighbors' Faith.” And we will have mission support partners come and share the stories of the mission and justice we support through our congregational benevolence.
- Peace and Justice organized for us to focus on learning better our benevolence partners:
  - Jan – Education: PLU, PLTS, UW Campus Min
  - Feb – Housing: Helping Hand, Exodus, Habitat
  - Mar – Flathead & Holden
  - Apr – Young Adults in Global Ministry
  - May – LIRS, LCS
  - June – Living Stones Synod Prison Ministry
  - July – North Pierce County Community Coalition & MVCC
  - Aug – Luth Disaster Response and ELCA Disaster Relief
  - Sept – Peace Community Center, Tacoma
  - Oct – ELCA World Hunger, Bread for the World & Nourish Food Bank
  - Nov – Associated Ministries of Tacoma
  - Dec – Bright Stars of Bethlehem

- I've been in contact with LCS about their Refugee Art Show and I'm in communication with them about hosting their Refugee Art Show here at Mountain View. I'll keep you posted.
- The Deacons have a new head deacon: Michelle Schweikl, welcome her!
- I am in communication with Lynn Wadnizak and Cathie Freiling about transitioning the leader for the Grief Group. Lynn is transitioning out and Cathie is transitioning in.
- Bob Yost and I met with Joan Taylor and we "handshake officially" hired her and she accepted. Signing an employee contract and other details are ongoing. Estimated start date will be Feb 1.

### Pastor Bri

- **Pastoral Acts:** After learning suddenly that Nan Bolin is being moved back to WY by family, I visited to offer a sending and blessing. I also offered Commendation of the Dying for Dorothy Nelson.
- **Advent Midweeks:** We're using a new-to-us resource for Advent that has substantial artistic resources and ways to engage the congregation. Attend a mid-week service to experience the interactive prayers stations.
- **Youth Ministry:** We have a joint-youth Christmas party with Celebration of Life on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Pope and Adon (Celebration's youth leader) are working together to plan quarterly events in the future as well.
- Pope put together a simple music-based Advent devotional for youth and families. Each day he'll email and text out a song to listen to along with a reflection question.
- Information is also out regarding a HS youth trip to North Carolina working with an impressive ELCA homeless ministry. Pope is also laying plans for Flathead, helping families get signed up and identifying chaperones. Pope is beginning to look towards Winter and Spring fundraisers to support these Summer Trip plans.
- **Bishop's Eucharist:** Attending this annual event to connect with colleagues in the area and spend time in worship and reflection together.

Closing Prayer - Kevin Dahl

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretchen Johnsrud  
Council Secretary

