

Minutes of McFarland Lutheran Church Council

June 21, 2016

Members Present: Pastor Tim Dean, Pastor Kelli Schmit, Sandy Hall, Pres., Carol Munch, Vice Pres., Deb Alber, Sec., Joe Schwartz, Lee Thorson, Brent Odell, Tom Blau, Amanda Gevens, John Berg, Tiffany Kvalheim

Members Excused: Cheryl Scharine, Treas., Dave Nelson, Keith Voelker

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Sandy Hall, Pres.

Devotion: Pastor Tim led us in devotion on the first 6 verses of Luke, Chap. 9. Often in Luke Jesus sends the disciples out as Apostles meaning one who is sent. Worship sends us out proclaiming the Kingdom of God and healing by letting people know God is with them and supporting them. Pastor Tim led a discussion on where do we see our Church and ourselves as individuals doing the mission of God and supporting others. He ended with prayer.

The agenda was reviewed for additions or changes: Joe Schwartz will present information from the Properties Committee.

Treasurer Report: Sandy Hall, Pres. presented the financial summary through May 31, 2016. The check book balance is \$51,279.00 and the total savings funds balance is \$667,699.00. Our expenses exceed our income. Income from envelopes and loose offerings are higher than last year's but less than budgeted. Money received for the building fund in May was \$2,660. Most of the committees are still below budget.

By-Laws-Committee Template: Brent reviewed the committee template. Church committees must have a written description of duties and responsibilities and the names of their members, which may be updated yearly. Examples of the committee's purpose, duties, composition, time of meetings, and names of members is shown in the template. The Continuing Resolution in the By-laws contains or explains where to locate the descriptions and duties of the church committees, task forces, and other church groups. The committee liaisons will give the template to the church committee chairs at the start of the new Church year. This will be sometime in August or September. The committee description will need to be updated yearly with membership changes. The office will keep a copy of the committee template and a copy will be placed in the council membership handbook under committees. Thank you again, Brent, for your hard work on this project.

A motion was made by Joe Schwartz to approve the Committee Template. Carol Munch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Nominating Committee Update: The Nominating Committee is calling members to serve on Council. Sandy Hall, Deb Alber, Amanda Gevens (unexpired term), Keith Voelker and Tom Blau will be leaving Council after the annual meeting on July 24, 2016. Pastor Tim thanked them for their service on Council.

Facilities Use Policy update: Joe Schwartz presented the draft facilities use policy. He highlighted changes modifying the preexisting manual and updating it. The changes modernized the preexisting document. The church staff has approved it. Brent Odell will go over the document for any recommended changes including rates for a multi-use policy verses a single use policy. After Brent reviews the policy, it will be presented to Council at their next meeting for approval. Chris Malueg and Chris Landerud are working on a form for using the church audio visual equipment which will explain how to use the equipment and provide people to contact with help setting up the equipment. Suggestions were made to have McFarland High School students, who are trained to use the High School audio visual equipment, help with the church audio visual equipment and to put the facility use policy on the Church website. The senior pastor will have the final decision on who may use the Church facilities and the Church staff will keep the calendar on who has rented the Church facility. Brent suggested having a list of all the Church policies in the office. Thank you Joe and the Properties Committee for updating the facilities use policy!

Properties Committee update: Joe Schwartz said the Church bell system is not working and cannot be repaired. There are 2 options to consider. Replacing it with a similar system or upgrading it. The decision was to get bids for replacing it and upgrading it. The roof repairs may cost more because the area is larger than originally thought. The Properties

Committee is getting bids. Also the insurance for the church building may be higher than budgeted because of the new addition. Thank you Joe and the Properties Committee for taking care of this.

Pastor's Reports:

Pastor Tim: The 150th Anniversary Task Force has several events planned for 2017 which will celebrate the 150th McFarland Lutheran Church Anniversary and the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. The theme is "Renewed in Christ to Serve: 150 years of God's Grace in Action". A bus trip to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, as a pre anniversary event, is planned for Nov. 12-13, 2016. "Martin Luther: Art and Reformation" will be on display. The display is partially sponsored by Thrivent. There will be one Church service at 9:00 am on Oct. 29, 2017, Reformation Sunday followed by a brunch and program in the FLC. Other events planned include a history of the Church, reformation hymns and favorite congregation hymns at services, and joining with 11 other churches building a house for Habitat for Humanity as a community service project. Confirmation students under the direction of Chris Landerud may interview older church members about the history of the church and community.

The basement renovation open house on Sunday, June 19 was great. The renovation should be finished by August 1. A Saturday work day will be planned to move items back to the basement area.

On Thursday, June 16, at 2:00 PM, 5 MLC members living at Skaalen Home in Stoughton and several of their family members enjoyed a Coffee and Kringle Event hosted by Pastor Tim! This may become a quarterly event.

The new CLM playground equipment was put up by volunteers on June 7. Gift and grant money designated for this were used to help pay for the equipment. Thank you to everyone that helped.

Pastor Tim will be on vacation June 24 to July 1.

Pastor Kelli: June 26 to 30 is Vacation Bible School. About 50 children are registered. There are about 30 people volunteering to help including many youth.

Pastor Kelli will present a 3 part series on the Lord's Prayer during Faith Formation on July 10, 17 and 31.

The Health and Social Wellness Committee is teaming up with the Global Mission Committee to fill boxes to help refugees entering Dane County. August 1 to 21 there will be tags available with items that are needed near the Health and Social Wellness bulletin board.

Bonnie Dirks has pictures displayed on a bulletin board showing before and after pictures of the projects our church has helped with including the new wells.

Annual Meeting and Budget/By-Laws listening sessions: Annual meeting is July 24 at 11:15 am in the FLC.

Budget/By-law listening sessions will be Sunday, June 26 and Sunday, July 10 at 9:15 am. Cheryl Scharine, Treas., Brent Odell and a member of the Finance Committee will be at one or both of the sessions.

Motion to Adjourn: Brent Odell, second: Joe Schwartz. Motion passed. Council was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Closed with prayer and the Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Tim.

Congregation members are encouraged to contact council members with any questions or concerns.

May Council minutes were approved by council members by e-mail.

The annual church meeting is Sunday July 24, 2016 at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted by: Deb Alber, Sec.