

McFarland Lutheran Church Council

Tuesday November 15, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 7:03 by Joe Schwartz

Members Present: Pastor Tim, Pastor Kelli, Joe Schwartz (Pres.), Carol Munch (V.P.), Tiffany Kvalheim (Sec.), John Berg, Randy Hansel, Norma Kohl, Dave Nelson, Brent Odell, Steve Schoch, Lee Thorson, Diane Wells, Sharon Mylrea

2. Devotion/Bible Study

Gospel of Luke Chapter 19 Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Why do we have a hard time following a king?

3. Agenda review and changes

4. Treasurer/Finance Committee report (Brent Odell)

Mortgage:

Balance is \$1,444,850 (reduced from \$7,680)

In Sept and additional \$6605 was received for the building fund which went to reduce the principal on the mortgage. For FY 2016-17 an additional \$16,392 has been received for the building fund

Cash Balance and Church Giving:

Checking acct balance is \$20,770

Total Savings acct balance is \$482,038

Envelope/Offering Income: Amount received for Oct. was approx. \$35,000

Actual YTD total offerings received is \$168,859. This is below the budgeted YTD amount of \$191,200 by approx \$22,000, and slightly lower than was received last year at this time.

Income and Expenses:

YTD actual total income is \$342,209 up approx \$92,000 from last month, yet below budgeted amount of \$374,626. However, YTD income is more than income received last year at this time by approx. \$19,000.

Oct expenses were \$116,000 bringing YTD actual expense total to \$392,297.

Expenses exceeded income by approx. \$50,000, however expenses continue to be lower than budgeted for this time of year.

All committees and programs are operating consistent with budgeted amount

4K Income and Expenses

Received payment of \$55,800 from the McFarland School District for

4K program. (4K expenses are reimbursed by school district in Oct and Feb. Consequently, it will appear to operate as a deficit until those payments are received.)

Pass Thru Summary

At this time Pass Thru expenses are slightly above Pass Thru income by \$1,302 (*Pass thru accounts consist of donations for specific purposes. The money received and the money spent should zero out at the end of the fiscal year. On a month to month basis, it isn't always equal-sometimes the money comes in and is accounted for in one month, but the expense doesn't occur until the next month or even later.*)

Memorials

No memorials were received in Oct. and YTD amount rec'd=\$2,060.

5. Pastors' reports

Pastor Tim:

Pledge theme is Generously Share the Fruit of the spirit
Pledge forms by Dec 3rd or 4th, or before of course.

Faith sharing moment from Renee Rodeck this weekend

Nov 27th first Sunday of Advent

Nov 30, Dec. 7th, 14th, 21st are the mid-week meal and service

Confirmation students will take a lead role in running those

Adult faith formation music and scripture of Advent by Pastor Tim and Len

Sun Dec 11 at 10:00 service of Advent Lessons and Carols, led by the MLC music

groups.

Dec. 3rd Christmas in the Village. We will have an open house 4-5, before service.

Kick Off for Renewed in Christ to Serve on Jan. 8. Every month we will have a history moment and a special music moment. Confirmation interviews with "Saints" that have been here a long time. Hope to show them on the screens.

Pastor Tim on vacation Nov 22-28

Pastor Kelli:

Last Sun we had 30 4th and 5th graders received first communion

Shout out to Care of Creation for helping kids with wafer making

Continuing ed at Pyle Center Diversity and Perpetual thinking patterns. How different people use learning styles and in what order.

Health and social wellness team is doing giving tree again. Gift tags will be up on bulletin Board by Thanksgiving. Gifts returned on Dec. 11th

Nov 27th no Sunday School for Thanksgiving break

Christmas Program:

Nov 29th at 7:00pm Planning for Christmas Program

Dec. 17th 10:00-noon Rehearsal for Christmas Program

Dec. 18th at 3:00 pm Performance in Sanctuary

6. Basement Leak Repair Update

Findorff has completed repairs

Badger Basement is scheduled to be done on Jan 12th.

Buss will do prep on Jan 9-11. Do not use space between 9th-20th

Ken Brost and Dick Kohl did the work of back filling, had some volunteer help over the weekend. THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you to everyone for the continued flexibility!

7. Review description for the finance committee

Make copies and it will go into three ring binder

8. Review for any additional changes then approve the Facility Usage Manual

Motion to adopt FUM by Brent Odell and seconded by Dave Nelson. Approved by council

9. Other committee updates

Global Mission Committee:

Refugee support still looking for items: mattresses, coffee tables, ect..we will post list in the News You Can Use.

Donation of \$500 to Frida Begonza's education to go directly to the school

Elizabeth bake sale Dec 11th

Uganda village, Sesera, needs a latrine system. \$4000 to cover it. The committee will look at running a fundraiser sometime Jan to March, 2017. More info to follow next month.

Things we have heard:

1. Do we have a "newcomers group" for new members? Not yet, we can ask the Welcome Committee to take this on. Other ideas that council discussed: Mission Fest quarterly, create a contact list to post for all to see, use veteran members to lead a class or two.
2. How Great our Pastor's are!!!!!!

9. Adjourn and Closing Prayer

Motion to adjourn by Norma Kohl and seconded by Carol Munch approved by all at 8:20. Pastor Tim led closing prayer.

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13th, (Week earlier due to Christmas)
7:00 PM COUNCIL MEETING**

