

## McFarland Lutheran Church Council

Tuesday March 22, 2017

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

### Agenda

#### 1. Call to Order

By Joe Schwartz at 7:05 pm

Members Present: Pastor Tim, Pastor Kelli, Joe Schwartz (Pres.), Carol Munch (V.P.), Tiffany Kvalheim (Sec.), John Berg, Randy Hansen, Norma Kohl, Steve Schoch, Diane Wells, Sharon Mylrea, Dave Nelson, Not Present: Brent Odell, Lee Thorson

#### 2. Agenda review and changes

Properties: looking at flooring options in the kitchen now that the grease trap is fixed. HVAC; Tom Showers has been a great at working with our contractors. He is looking to step down. We need a replacement. Properties delayed maintenance has been sent to Finance Committee.

#### 3. Devotion/Bible Study—Please read the Gospel of Luke, chapter 22 (Pastor Kelli)

The Lord's Supper; Eucharist and covenant lang. Through Jesus life he makes this promise and gifts. Whenever we join in communion, God is there. He promises to be there. Meal to nourish us on this journey of faith. When we commune, we take God with us.

#### 4. Treasurer/Finance Committee report (Joe Schwartz for Brent Odell)

##### Cash Balances

Checking Account balance is \$77,539

Total Savings Account balance is \$446,476

##### Mortgage

In February additional Capital Building fund contributions totaling \$3,014, that go to reducing the principal of the church mortgage, were received. For FY 2016-17 an additional \$48,818 has been received for the building fund.

Mortgage balance is \$1,361,662 (*reduced \$5,792 from January*)

##### Church Giving / Income and Expenses

YTD total offerings received is \$391,990 which is less than budgeted YTD amount by approx. \$4K

YTD Total Income is \$785,808 (does not include 4K revenue) increased by approx. \$90K from last month is less than budgeted amount. However, YTD income is more than income received last year at this time by approx. \$68K.

February expenses were \$95K bringing YTD expense total to \$776,704. Expenses exceeded income by approx. \$18K which is a slight increase from the previous month. Expenses, however, continue to be lower than the amount budgeted.

All committees and programs are operating consistent with or below budgeted amounts.

### **4K Income and Expenses - Page 3**

Received the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 payments from the McFarland School District for the 4K program. Current 4K expenses are lower than income received to date.

### **Pass Thru Summary - Page 4**

Designated and undesignated giving for February totaled \$6,183.

### **Memorials**

\$610 in memorials were received in February. YTD memorial amounts received total \$4,550.

## **5. Pastors' reports**

### **Pastor Tim:**

- Mid week services with students have been really fun, good energy.
- Holy Week Schedule:
  - Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion April 8th and 9th,
    - Saturday, 5 pm, Casual Worship
    - Sunday, 8am, Traditional Worship
    - Sunday, 10 am Contemp. Worship
  - Maundy Thurs April 13
    - noon
    - 7:30 (optional foot wash)
  - Good Friday April 14th
    - Noon The Liturgy of Good Friday
    - 7:30 Prayer around the cross,
  - Holy Saturday, April 15

- 5pm Casual Worship
- Easter Day, April 16
  - 8 am, Traditional Worship
  - 10 am, Contemporary Worship

Theme for Easter: “Do not be afraid. Jesus is not here, for he has been raised.”

- 150th anniversary: Habitat Faith Build goal is \$7500 we are at \$6,640!
  - Organizational meeting in April, ground breaking in May, then schedule of participation will come out(early to mid April), we are scheduled for 5 work days(could be more) Ron Vandeberg is main contact person.
- April 20th Luther College Collegiate Chorale. Council members take a poster and hang it! Free will offering. We need to house the choir students, in pairs or more if you have the room. Ron Larson is a contact person
- Wayne Corey has agreed to be one of our voting members for synod assembly. We need 2 more people and then we will vote as council.
- Pastor Tim at continuing ed on how to excel at managing and supervising people. Thurs. and Fri. this week

**Pastor Kelli:**

- Palm Sunday, at the 10:00 service Sunday School kids will sing
- Uganda trip volunteers left 3/22/17, excellent itinerary, working on latrine project
- Maternity Leave update: VBS prep is taken care of, committee work has been taken care of, next week meeting with Parker to update her and make sure that is lined up.
- Pastor Kelli and Mike would like to officially Thank the congregation for the kind words and emails. Thank you to staff for the shower. Shout out to Susie Miller for the shower on Sunday. The support and encouragement has been incredible, Pastor Kelli and Mike are very grateful.

**6. Helping the Nomination Committee - Brainstorm for possible council member candidates. Council began the process of identifying potential council members for the Nominating Committee to contact and present at the annual meeting in July.**

## 7. Review/prioritize the Retreat meeting goals:

- Short Term Goals: Refer to the Retreat “Action Plan” (see second page)
  - MLC Priorities:
    - We need to take care of the staff, salary guidelines to be addressed.
    - CLM is working well
    - Bathrooms, NEED to re-done. Ken is looking at it but we may need some support to contract this. If we change the footprint we have to make it handicap accessible. This should happen in the summer. Pastor Tim shared that there is some money available to make these changes.
    - 2 Doors in the hallway for security reasons-Ken is working on bids
    - Create a strategic planning group to look at long range plans. Possible items: Rainbow Center cabinets and floors, maintaining staff
  - 150th Anniversary fundraising ideas: 150th Cookbook, Thrivent could cover cost of printing.
    - include Welcoming Committee to help with ideas of reaching out to recent new members
    - Family and Children’s Ministries- tabled until after Pastor Kelli’s maternity leave
- Long term Goals: Refer to the “Brainstorming Goals for 2017” (April)

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 by Carol Munch seconded by Norma Kohl, approved by all.  
**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: April 25, 2017 7:00pm**