

McFarland Lutheran Church Council

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Agenda

1. Call to Order

By Carol Munch at 7:05 p.m.

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

2. Agenda review and changes

Norma Kohl: Mission moment from Synod Convention

*Council challenge, from Norma, to fill the jar until March 31st, 2018

*For synod mission activities

*Norma advises us to try and attend a synod assembly if we can, they are lovely.

3. Devotion/Bible Study—Gospel of Luke, chapter 24 (Pastor Tim)

- a. **The Walk to Emmaus**, African bible study; read scripture, moment of silence, share word or phrase that has meaning to us, silence again, then scripture will be read again, share meaning for us again.

Pastor passed around the print version of the Saint John's Bible. Beautiful!

4. Treasurer/Finance Committee report -- Brent Odell

Cash Balances

Checking Account balance is \$50,874

Total Savings Account balance is \$451,152

Mortgage

Additional Capital Building fund contributions totaling \$2,129 that go to reducing the principal of the church mortgage were received. For FY 2016-17 the total additional amount received for the building fund is \$52,917.

Mortgage balance is \$1,351,749 (*reduced \$4,944 from previous month*).

Church Giving / Income and Expenses

Offerings received this month were \$66,310 bringing YTD total offering to \$501,394 which is in line with our YTD budgeted offering amount.

YTD church income is \$953,595 an increase of approximately \$98K from last month, which is less than the budgeted YTD amount.

Expenses for the month were \$86K bringing the YTD expense total to \$982,850. While expenses continue to be lower than the budgeted YTD amount they do exceed income by approximately \$29K, however we are current with paying our benevolences and bills.

Committees and programs are operating consistent with or below budgeted amounts.

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Current 4K expenses are lower than income received to date.

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Designated and undesignated giving totaled \$5,450.

Memorials

\$1,145 in memorials were received bringing the YTD memorial amounts received to \$5,745.

5. Reviewing the 2017-18 Budget (Brent)

- a. Budget was introduced and reviewed.
- b. The budget allows for continuation of current programs and additional funding for 150th Anniversary
- c. John Berg proposed the question where we may want to focus our financial attention in the future. He suggested keeping up with teacher pay as an option.

6. Pastor's report – Pastor Tim

- a. 26 new members joined this past Sunday!! Already looking for ways to be involved
 - i. 81.8 % of these people received bread from the bread ministry
- b. Drawn to the Word was an amazing experience of worship and the canvas is now going to be mounted in the back by the baptismal font. Sealant will be applied and Huldah Ellestad and the banner team will apply. Thank you Huldah and our other members that are helping with that process!

c. Anniversary Events

- i. June 4th Organ Concert event at 2:00 by our own Jeff Rowley
- ii. History walking tour: first was this weekend, repeat on July 9th at 9:15
- iii. Ron Larson will be rewriting the church history
- iv. July 23rd Christmas in July worship. Christmas song for 8 and 10
- v. Aug. 27th we will be doing a hymn sing and church picnic
- vi. Habitat Build: we sent check for \$8,500 for the Faith Build
 1. There are a number of dates to sign up to help with congregation build or fellowship build
 2. Ron Vandeberg has been a great coordinator

d. Confirmation camp at Pine Lake. 16 people going with Chris Landerud June 11-16

e. VBS is June 25 thru 29th 5-8 pm. Hosts kids through 5th grade

f. Pastor Tim out of town June 3-4. Supply Preacher will be Pastor Jack Finney

7. Per Rita Jenkins, "Please remind all committee liaisons that written reports are due to be included in the annual report to the congregation." This is due the first part of June.

8. Reminder the Annual meeting will be held July 23 at 9:00am sharp- between services

- a. Council provides treat and refreshments for this meeting
 - i. Bagels, donuts, fruit,
 - ii. Carol volunteered to organize this
 - iii. After annual meeting the council meets

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 by Norma Kohl, seconded by Lee Thorson, approved by all

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday June 27, 2017 7:00pm. Meet in room 210