

McFarland Lutheran Church Council

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Agenda

1. Call to Order

By Sharon Mylrea at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: Pastor Tim, Pastor Kelli, Sharon Mylrea (Pres.), Diane Wells (V.P.), Tiffany Kvalheim (Sec.), Randy Hansen, Norma Kohl, Steve Schoch, Brent Odell (Treasurer), Lee Thorson, Pete Ellestad, Todd Bolstad, Mary Grell Not Present: John Berg, Cheryl Brown

2. Devotion/Bible Study—Seven Faith Practices (Pastor Tim)

3. Agenda review and changes

- Properties Committee: resurfacing the driveway is a go. The process was complete Sept. 4th.
- One word or thought that we think of when we think of MLC congregation:
 - Relationship, Community, Support One Another, Step Up and Take Action, Giving, Leadership-Volunteers, Diverse Ages, Genuinely Welcoming, Caring People, Resiliency, Global and Local Missions, Wonderful Music, Variety of Opportunities to Serve and Listen, Variety of Activities.
- Set ground rules for meetings

4. Norma Kohl: Mission moment from Synod Convention

- Council challenge, from Norma, to fill the jar until March 31st, 2018. Used for synod mission activities.

5. Treasurer/Finance Committee report -- Brent Odell

Cash Balances

Checking Account balance is \$44,643

Total Savings Account balance is \$467,642

Mortgage

Additional Capital Building fund contributions totaling \$3,080, that go to reducing the principal of the church mortgage, were received. *(For FY 2017-18 the total additional amount received for the building fund is \$3,080).*

Mortgage balance is \$1,332,431.

Church Giving / Income and Expenses

Offerings received this month were approximately \$48K with YTD total offering of \$47,809.

YTD church income is \$95,342. .

Expenses for the month were \$85,381 which were below budget as well as below income by \$9,961.

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

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Current 4K expenses are \$1,374.

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Designated and undesignated giving totaled \$19,071.

Memorials

No memorials were received in July.

Welcome

6. Pastors' reports – Pastor Tim, Pastor Kelli

Pastor Tim:

- Back to school rally day at 9:15, in the sanctuary, on Sept. 10th.
- Adult Faith Formation: 9:15, Sept 17-Oct. 22. Series related to the Reformation, “Professing The Faith”
- Luther’s birthday will be celebrated with a movie in November
- Anniversary picnic on August 27 was great! We thank Sheri Gehrke for organizing this event.
- Habitat for Humanity: the house is looking great! 19 people have built, 5 people provided lunch and 1 provided both!
 - Dates for Sept. and Oct. are still available

Reformation Day, October 29, is our festive 150th Anniversary worship: 1 service at 9:00 a.m. with a brunch to follow in the Family Life Center.

Pastor Kelli:

- We have completed another round of faith talk with the middle school youth
- Sunday School is ready to start with 100 kids registered, 30+ adults to help and we have 8th graders helping.
- 3 year old bible distribution will be Sept 17th during sunday school
- Vacation:
 - Aug 30-Sept 5- Theo's baptism
 - Weekend of Sept 24th
- Completed teaching the liturgical year for adults

7. Updated Council materials – Sharon Mylrea

- Review Chapter 12 of the constitution
- Review wedding policies

8. Committee Liaisons – Pastor Tim

- Todd -- CLM
- Cheryl -- Family & Children's Ministry
- Pete -- Global Mission
- Mary -- Personnel (1st year)
- Randall -- Global Mission
- Norma -- CLM
- Tiffany -- Personnel (3rd year)
- Sharon -- Personnel (2nd year)
- Brent -- Finance
- Steve -- Stewardship
- Lee -- Adult Faith Formation
- Diane -- Properties
- John--Health and Wellness
- Pastor Kelli -- Health & Wellness

9. Strategic Plan Development – Sharon Mylrea

Review ELCA plan and discuss at next meeting

Adjourn and Closing Prayer- Pastor Tim

Motion to adjourn at 9:05 by Norma Kohl, seconded by Mary Grell, approved by all
NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m