

McFarland Lutheran Church Council

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Agenda

Call to Order

By Sharon Mylrea at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Pastor Tim, Pastor Kelli, Sharon Mylrea (Pres.), Diane Wells (V.P.), Tiffany Kvalheim (Sec.), Randy Hansen, Norma Kohl, Steve Schoch, Jeff Gehrke, Lee Thorson. Pete Ellestad, Todd Bolstad, Mary Grell, Cheryl Brown
Brent Odell(Treasurer)

1. Devotion, Bible Study – Seven Faith Practices

- Study: The bible is the manger that carries Christ
 - Bible Study (3 levels):
 - large gathering: worship at church
 - small group: Bethel Bible study, adult bible study
 - personal or family: study bibles are important

2. Agenda review and changes – Sharon Mylrea

- Diane Wells gave an update from Properties: HVAC unit RTU6 has a broken heat exchanger (22 years old) will be replacing, requests for bids are out.
- Electrician has fixed lighting in FLC and gathering space, looking at overhang

3. Synod Mission Moments – Norma Kohl

In Dec. we will vote on the particular synod ministry we will support with the funds we have collected.

4. Council Member – Filling Unexpired Term

Motion to vote Jeff Gehrke in as a council member, filling the rest of John Berg's term. John need to resign because of work conflicts. The council thanks John for his service, and welcomes Jeff to fill in for the rest of the term!

Motion made by Randy Hansen, Seconded by Norma Kohl, passed unanimously

5. Treasurer/Finance Committee report – Brent Odell

Cash Balances

Checking Account balance is \$1,891

Total Savings Account balance is \$457,607

Mortgage

Additional Capital Building fund contributions totaling \$1,954 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 \$8,418.

Mortgage balance is \$1,321,265 (*reduced \$4,874 from previous month*).

Church Giving / Income and Expenses

Offerings received this month were approximately \$41K bringing YTD total offering to \$130,127.

YTD church income is \$267,333, an increase of approx. \$87K from last month, which is less than the budgeted YTD amount. However, YTD income is more than income received last year at this time by approx. \$17K.

Expenses for the month were \$106K bringing the YTD expense total to \$287,167. Expenses exceed income by approx. \$19K, however expenses continue to be lower than the budgeted YTD amount.

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

4K Income and Expenses – Page 3

Current 4K expenses are \$11,193.

Pass Thru Summary – Page 4

Designated and undesignated giving totaled \$14,216.

Memorials

\$335 in memorials were received. YTD memorial amounts received are \$1,070.

6. Pastors' reports –

Pastor Tim

- Sunday 10/29 Anniversary celebration. 9:00 service and 10:00 catered brunch. Expecting 325 people! Bishop Mary Froiland will be preaching. Wonderful music and 3 items available for purchase
 - 1. Updated MLC history \$10, 2. Notecards with Living Water mural on front 10/\$10, Smorgasboard cookbook \$5

- We will be electing a new Bishop in May 2018 with Bishop Froiland stepping down a year early.
- Fri Nov 10th Luther's bday party. Watching a movie on Luther and the Reformation and having bday cake! 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Sun Nov 12 we will be dedicating the archives. Ron Larson will have this set up and share about his work. We are very grateful for Ron's time, talent, and effort
- Nov 5th is All Saints Sunday. We will commemorate the faithfully departed.
- Pastor Tim will be at continuing ed:
 - Nov. 6, 7, 8 in at the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. His seminar is a clergy clinic on emotional relationships in congregations and conflicts that happen. Small group process with other clergy
 - Nov 15 both pastors will attend a Synod boundary workshop. This one will be led by Arden Mahlberg, a therapist in Madison.
- **Pastor Kelli**
 - Sat.10/21 was Pumpkinfest, 250-300 people in attendance. A big Thank You for everyone's help with this event
 - The pastors met with high school personnel and local pastors about a racially charged incident and respect issues going on at the high school. The following Monday the principal had a powerful message for students. Pastor Kelli and Chris Landerud attended the assembly
 - Pastor Kelli is going to Skaalen Home for Halloween party on Halloween
 - Teaching confirmation large group Nov. 5. Topic: Moses
 - 3rd grade bibles will be handed out Nov. 7 & 9 at 3:30 after school. Families will join students Nov. 12th at 10:00 service.

7. Same Gender Marriage Statement – Pastor Tim

- Statement has been published in the newsletter.
- There have been a couple of responses with really good questions, handled by Pastor Tim and Sharon. There has been open, honest and respectful discussion--which we are expecting at the open forums.
- Dan Feaster will be leading the forums. The pastors will be there. Council should be in attendance, if possible. We want to respect where people are

at and allow them to feel heard. We can be at different places and still be with Christ together. Forum dates: Nov 12th and 19th at 11:15 a.m. in room 113 (Adult Education Room).

8. Strategic Plan Development – Sharon Mylrea

- Pastor Erik Jelinek, works with ELCA Bishop, also works with congregations on strategic/future plans. Pastor Tim sent him an email about availability, waiting to hear back.
- Goal is for the facilitator to come in for Jan. retreat and then we lay out a timeline for the process and will include congregational input.
- As we move through the process we need to look at congregational goals for the next few years.
- Resurrect notes from last year's retreat
- We should ask our committees what they would like to see happen in the upcoming years. What 5 things would enhance the work of your committee?
- If you have an idea of who could help lead this event let Pastor Tim know

Adjourn and Closing Prayer- Pastor Tim

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 by Norma Kohl, seconded by Randy Hansen, approved by all
NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.