

McFarland Lutheran Church Council

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Agenda

Call to Order

By Sharon Mylrea at 7:04 p.m.

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

1. Devotion, Bible Study – Seven Faith Practices Pastor Tim

- Invite- it is a simple way to live our faith. We are called to invite people into this relationship with God and His community.
- Gospel of John 1:35-42 “Come and See”

2. Agenda review and changes – Sharon Mylrea

- Property Updates:
 - CLM security doors both in and working well
 - A bid to renovate CLM bathrooms is in, and being reviewed
 - Bids in for fixing the roof leak in the Gathering Space are in

3. Synod Mission Moments – Norma Kohl

- Council voted on which synod ministry we would like money donated to

4. Treasurer/Finance Committee report – Brent Odell

Cash Balances

Checking Account balance is \$65,250

Total Savings Account balance is \$452,340

Mortgage

Additional Capital Building fund contributions totaling \$5,249, 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 \$30,359.

Mortgage balance is \$1,287,399 (*reduced \$8,273 from previous month*).

Church Giving / Income and Expenses

Offerings received this month were approximately \$39K bringing YTD total offering to \$368,373.

YTD church income is \$703,518, an increase of approx. \$113K from last month, which exceeds the budgeted YTD amount by \$2,523. Additionally, YTD income is more than income received last year at this time by approx. \$36K.

Expenses for the month were \$98K bringing the YTD expense total to \$679,567. YTD expenses were not only under budget, but also below income by approximately \$24K.

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

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Current YTD 4K expenses are lower than income received to date by approximately \$9K. In February we receive our second payment from the school district that will be reflected in next month's financial statement.

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Designated and undesignated giving totaled \$16,509.

Memorials

YTD memorial amounts received \$1,315.

5. Pastors' reports –

● Pastor Tim:

- Lent is on prayer: "Thirsty for God: many ways to pray."
- Regular worship on Wednesdays, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- Taize(France) Evening Prayer with musical mantras, candle lighting at the 6:30 p.m. service
- Holy Week Schedule: March 25th Palm Sunday; Maundy Th. March 29 at 7:00 foot- washing option (no morning service); Good Friday, March 30, noon and 7:00 p.m. (prayer around the cross); Easter Day, April 1, usual schedule for that weekend.
- Synod Assembly May 5-6, 2018. 3 lay people are able to go to Kalahari, for the assembly. Bishop of Caribbean synod is featured guest. We will be electing a new bishop for our synod. Please let Pastor Tim know by March 20th if you would like to go.
- Stewardship Update: middle of pledge returns. Numbers for pledging look great! \$429,000 pledged amount. \$40,000 more than last year. Thank to congregational members, for their generosity!!

- Financial Peace University course. Joe D'Amato is leader and is doing a fabulous job!! About 12 people are taking the course. This had been a very positive experience.
 - Vacation this Sunday, Feb. 25.
 - Continuing Ed Feb 26-28, next sequence for Clergy Clinic in Emotional System
- **Pastor Kelli:**
 - 1st Communion Class A, April 14 or Class B, April 21 (9:30-12:00)
 - 1st Communion is April 22nd, 10 a.m.
 - Continuing Education
 - Preaching Maundy Thursday to Easter with Dr. Audrey West, March 1st
 - Walking Wet LEAD event, March 10, all day event in Janesville
 - Confirmation Kids are doing a great job of helping with Lent
 - Training for this work happened the week before

6. Same Gender Marriage Statement – update -- Pastor Tim

- We have had mostly positive feedback from the decision as well as the process.
- Pastor Kelli has taken the lead on looking at the wedding policy

7. Strategic Plan Development – Sharon Mylrea

- Reviewed the Strategic Framework that Melanie Schmidt developed for us based on council retreat
- Review new vision statement and initiatives
- Start to discuss process for strategic planning for CLM. How do we start that?
 - Design team needs to be created
 - Todd and Norma will bring discussion to the CLM Committee
 - Todd and Mary will be on this team to design the process
 - **THINK ABOUT** how you would be willing to help with initiative 2.
- Start to discuss process for setting up work groups to move forward with developing our “bench strength”

Adjourn and Closing Prayer- Pastor Tim

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 by Norma Kohl, seconded by Mary Grell, approved by all
FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS: Tuesdays, March 20, April 24, May 22, June 26

- **MLC Annual Meeting – Sunday, July 22**