

McFarland Lutheran Church Council

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Agenda

Call to Order

By Diane Wells at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: Pastor Tim, Pastor Kelli, Diane Wells (V.P.), Tiffany Kvalheim (Sec.), Norma Kohl, Jeff Gehrke, Lee Thorson. Pete Ellestad, Mary Grell, Cheryl Brown, Randall Hansen.

Members not present: Sharon Mylrea (Pres.), Steve Schoch, Todd Bolstad, Brent Odell (Treasurer).

1. Devotion, Bible Study – Seven Faith Practices Encourage

What makes a good mentor?

2. Agenda review and changes

Properties: new front steps are complete at Rainbow South. Committee is getting bids to fix the Gathering Space roof which leaks from ice dam

3. Synod Mission Moments – Last night to contribute. Thank you, Norma!!

4. Treasurer/Finance Committee report – Note from Brent Odell

Cash Balances

Checking Account balance is \$109,317. The reason the checking account balance is so large is because it reflects deposit of the second 4K payment (\$51,110) from the McFarland School District.

Total Savings Account balance is \$455,063.

Mortgage

Additional Capital Building fund contributions totaling \$2,299, 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 \$32,658.

Mortgage balance is \$1,282,047 which reflects a reduction of \$5,352 from the previous month.

Church Giving / Income and Expenses

Offerings received this month were approximately \$45K bringing YTD total offering to \$413,306.

YTD church income was \$801,088, an increase of approx. \$97,500 from last month, but which was less than the budgeted YTD amount by \$4,100. That said, YTD income is more than income received last year at this time by approx. \$43K.

More importantly however, were that YTD expenses while under budget, were also less than income by approximately \$20,900. Actual expenses for the month were \$100,600 bringing the YTD expense total to \$780,167.

Committees and programs are operating consistent with budgeted amounts.

4K Income and Expenses – Page 3

In February we received our second payment from the school district in the amount of \$51,110. Current YTD 4K expenses are now lower than income received to date by approximately \$52K.

Pass Thru Summary – Page 4

Designated and undesignated giving totaled \$12,799 (\$2,299 of which are additional Capital building fund contributions) while expenses only came to \$8,488. The reason for the difference is related to receipt of income to offset the cost of the outside sculpture previously paid for.

Memorials

YTD memorial amounts received remain at \$1,315.

Finance Committee Update

The Finance Committee wishes to foreshadow for the Council that over the past year our mortgage balance has been reduced by @\$80K, and as a result is taking action to once again re-amortize the terms of our mortgage loan with Thrivent Financial. Brent will share more information on this next month.

Council recommends that Brent, the treasurer, or someone on Finance write something about this for the newsletter to celebrate and give thanks for members' generous donations to pay down the mortgage. Thank you!!!

5. Pastors' reports –

Pastor Tim

- Lent ends this week, it has gone very well.
- Holy Week is next week
- 2 voting members Sandy Franklin and Barb Porter Quam going to synod Assembly on May 5 and 6

- Norma Kohl moved, Cheryl Brown seconded, Council approved Sandy and Barb as voting members.
- Pastor Tim and Chris Landerud attended the walk out event at MHS. Emphasis was on remembering the victims, several of our teen members led the remembrance and participated in the walk-out.
- Staff Professional Development: Tues., April 10th synod multi staff gathering and lunch after. Half day continuing ed event at Luther Memorial
- Vacation: April 16th -19th

Pastor Kelli

- First Communion, Care of Creation team will help to make bread
 - Class A- April 14
 - Class B- April 21
 - Receive 1st communion- April 22nd at 10:00
- Vacation Bible School- June 24-28
- Global Mission
 - Uganda Presentation- April 8th
 - Hope 4 Kids founder Tom Eggum will be here to preach on Sept 15 and 16
 - Walk 4 Water
 - McDaniel Park Sat. Sept 22
 - \$30 adults, \$15 for kids
 - Goals is to raise as much as we can for Torrora well. \$10,500 will be what it takes to make a well

6. Revised Wedding Policy

- Review updates and changes made to the policy
- Homework: review the policy and contact Pastor Kelli with questions
- *Brent please review with your red pen. Thank you!

7. Strategic Plan Development

- Review/approve/distribute document – Future Directions 2018-2020 –
 - Move to accept document by: Jeff Gehrke
 - Seconded by: Norma Kohl
 - Approved by all
- CLM initiative – status update, next steps –
 - Pastor Tim invited Sara Phelan to be on this design team. She was very open to that. May invite one other person to be on the team. Committee members on the team, Todd Bolstad, Norma Kohl, and Mary Grell.
- Member interests and gifts initiative – discussion, next steps –
 - Interest Survey

- More descriptive of time and talent. What time frame is required for each act.
- Idea for a bulletin board with lists that people can sign up for. Allows people to see what others are doing
- Sub committee to brainstorm exactly what we want to do
- Cheryl Brown, Norma Kohl, Tiffany Kvalheim interested in this, but don't want to lead. Pastor Tim will ask Sharon Mylrea to see if she is interested.
 - *Ask Huldah Ellestad if she would like to join us

Adjourn and Closing Prayer- Pastor Tim

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 by Norma Kohl, seconded by Mary Grell, approved by all

FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS: April 24, May 22, June 26

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