

McFarland Lutheran Church Council

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Agenda

Call to Order

By Sharon Mylrea 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, Sharon Mylrea (Pres.), Todd Bolstad, Brent Odell (Treasurer).

Members not present: Steve Schoch, Lee Thorson, Randall Hansen

Sharon announced that Randall has resigned from council because of scheduling conflicts. The last year of his term will be filled by the Nominating Committee before the annual meeting. The council thanks Randall for his service on council for two years!

1. Devotion, Bible Study – Seven Faith Practices- Serve

Mark Chapter 10, Jesus last teaching moment before the passion

Serving starts with being fed at the table and then going out to serve others.

2. Agenda review and changes

Norma Kohl- Mission update: Total donated by council members: \$410

\$37.27 Missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission

\$37.27 International Leaders-women

\$37.27 Global Ministries

\$74.55 ELCA World Hunger

\$223.64 Youth and Young Adults

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

Cash Balances

Checking Account balance is \$75,245

Total Savings Account balance is \$459,160

Mortgage

Additional Capital Building fund contributions totaling \$1,344 that go to reducing the principal of the church mortgage, were received. For FY 2017-18 an additional \$34,002 has been received for the building fund.

Mortgage balance is \$1,277,632 (*a reduction of \$4,415 from the previous month*)

Church Giving / Income and Expenses

YTD total offerings received are \$455,514 which is more than budgeted YTD amount by \$11,664, and reflects an increase of approx. \$20K in offerings over what was received last year at this time.

YTD Total Income is \$897,939, an increase of approx. \$97K from last month, *(does not include 4K revenue, nor bequests or memorials rec'd)* does fall a bit short of the budgeted amount. However, YTD income received is more than income received last year at this time by approx. \$42K.

Expenses for the month were \$119,586 bringing the YTD expense total to \$899,753. While expenses continue to be below the amount budgeted, they did exceed income by \$1,814. There were no large, unusual or unexpected expenses.

All committees and programs are operating consistent with or below budgeted amounts.

4K Income and Expenses – Page 3

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

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Designated and undesignated giving totaled \$2,510 (\$1,344 of which are additional Capital building fund contributions) with expenses of \$2,796.

Memorials

\$1,485 in memorials were received bringing YTD memorial amounts received to \$2,800.

We reamortized our Mortgage and an additional \$190 that we get from that will go towards paying down the mortgage.

5. Pastors' reports –

Pastor Tim:

- May 20, Pentecost, wear red for the coming of the Holy Spirit
- May 20, new members will be received at the 10 a.m. worship
- Welcome Committee Update; Feb 25th had a successful breakfast with recent new members. Planning to have this every 6 months to increase engagement.
- Welcome Committee will have a group at Ally's Honky Tonk Hustle (May 19). If you want to register with group go to Ally's Honky Tonk Website. If you join MLC group you get a free t-shirt!
- Synod Assembly May 5th and 6th, keep this event in your prayers, such as the election our new Bishop.
- Staff Updates:

- Parker Vander Ploeg will be leaving. She and her family are moving to N Carolina because of her husband's pastoral call. She will be here through June 1.
- Vicki Radloff is retiring after 22 years as a teacher at CLM. She will be taking on grandparent duties! Farewell is on May 20 at the 10 a.m. worship
- Pastor Tim's last 3-day session of Clergy Clinic in Lombard is April 30-May 2.

Pastor Kelli:

- First communion last week: 24 kids celebrated
- Care of Creation Team: helped them make the wafers for their communion
- Health and Social Wellness- in May we will help Off The Square Club. We will do a drive to give club support and supplies. Watch for tags on the board in May
- Student Ministries: last day is May 13th. May 20th is VBS info breakfast 9-10 am in room 210.
- Baccalaureate Service will be June 3rd. With UCC and Christ the King
- Taking some half day vacations coming up, depending on family visits.

6. Wedding Policy- Pastor Kelli

- Reviewed, made a few grammatical changes
- Motion to approve: Norma Kohl Seconded by: Cheryl Brown
Approved by all

7. 2018-2019 Church Council Nominations- Sharon Mylrea, Pastor Tim

- Review process, identify nominees
 - Tiffany Kvalheim, Jeff Gehrke, Lee Thorsen, and Norma Kohl are completing terms. Randall Hansen, resigned his term.
 - Brainstorm a list of potential nominees and then give names to nominating committee, those people will call nominees
 - We need two women, two men and a man to replace Randall for 1 year
 - Suggestions to Pastor Tim, Pastor Kelli, or Sharon by May 1st

8. Strategic Plan Development

- Future Directions 2018-2020 – published in 4.5.18 newsletter, feedback
 - No feedback to this point
- CLM initiative – status update

- Thank you Todd for leading this effort
- Group will gather data for improvements. Data gathered from all stakeholders, parents, teachers, congregation. Use surveys and face to face time.
- Informational will be used to plan and then will be provided to council
- Timeline: Parent survey and teacher survey before the school year ends. Focus groups and congregational survey can happen in early fall.
- Todd and Mary are council reps on this task force. Sara Phelan, CLM Administrator, and Willi Sindermann from CLM Committee will be on this task force.
- Member interests and gifts initiative – Status update
 - Norma has taken over and formed a task force: Angela Schwartz, Cheryl Brown, Norma, and Linda Ellestad
 - Huldah could be a good resource especially with regards to the time and talent form.
 - This should include an interest inventory, bulletin boards, etc.
 - Meeting will take place soon

Adjourn and Closing Prayer- Pastor Tim

Motion to adjourn at 8:35 by Norma Kohl, seconded by Mary Grell, approved by all

FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS: Tuesday, May 22, Tuesday, June 26

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