

## **McFarland Lutheran Church Council**

**Tuesday, May 22, 2018**

**7:00 p.m. Council Meeting**

### **Agenda**

#### **Call to Order**

By Sharon Mylrea at 7:03 p.m.

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

Members not present: Norma Kohl

#### **1. Devotion, Bible Study – Seven Faith Practices- Giving/Stewardship**

Steward refers to a manager who is responsible of goods and properties of others. Not owner but entrusted with taking care of something.

Spirit of giving should be one of abundance and sharing.

Being responsible and trustworthy as good stewards, not controlling.

#### **2. Agenda review and changes**

Prayers and well wishes for Norma's recovery from knee surgery

#### **3. Treasurer/Finance Committee report – Notes from Brent Odell**

##### **Cash Balances**

Checking Account balance is \$101,100

Total Savings Account balance is \$463,754

##### **Mortgage**

Additional Capital Building fund contributions totaling \$15,654 that go to reducing the principal of the church mortgage were received. The total YTD additional amount received for the building fund is \$49,656.

Mortgage balance is \$1,258,892 (*reduced \$18,740 from previous month*).

##### **Church Giving / Income and Expenses**

Offerings received this month were \$63,363 bringing YTD total offering to \$518,877 which exceeds our YTD budgeted/projected offering amount by approximately \$18K.

YTD church income is \$1,012,358 an increase of approximately \$114K from last month and is in line with our budgeted/projected YTD amount.

Expenses for the month were approximately \$92K bringing the YTD expense total to \$991,463. While expenses continue to be lower than the budgeted/projected YTD amount they are also lower than actual income received by approximately \$21K, and we are current with paying our benevolences and bills.

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.

### **Pass Thru Summary – Page 4**

Designated and undesignated giving totaled \$27,228.

### **Memorials**

No memorials were received. YTD memorial amounts received are \$2,800.

### **Proposed 2018-2019 Budget**

Reviewed and discussed budget proposal from Finance Committee.

## **4. Pastors' reports –**

### **Pastor Tim:**

- Team MLC at Aly's Honky Tonk Hustle
  - 30 team members
  - We will do this again for the Relay For Life in Stoughton
- Annual Mtg is July 22nd, all members will be in attendance
  - Meet at 11:15
  - Budget forums July 8 at 9:15 and July 15 at 11:15
- New Bishop, Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld
  - 2nd African American woman elected in ELCA
  - Will begin on July 1st
- Youth Events:
  - Pine Lake Camp, 8 confirmation kids going, June 17-22
  - Summerfest HS camp, 17 kids going, July 8-11
- Farewell Lunch for Parker. Her last day will be June 1st. We wish her all the best!

- Personnel has approved rec for hiring new admin asst, Carrie Kruzan. Carrie will begin June 11th.. Welcome Carrie!!

### **Pastor Kelli:**

- VBS 30 kids now registered June 24-28
  - Leader informational breakfast, June 3 Rm 210 9-10 am
  - Council mtg for June meeting will be upstairs in 210
- Adult faith formation on Post Resurrection Experiences
  - June 3rd and 17th
  - In room 113 at 9:15
- Vacation days Wed.-Sat., June 13-16
- Baptismal prep is changing.
  - Quarterly classes for any family that wants children baptized.
  - Help build a community and relationships. Wrote a curriculum. Pastor Kelli and Pastor Tim will alternate teaching the classes.
  - Oct 16th 6:30 in room 210
  - Jan. 15th 6:30 in room 210
- Baby Group- to help for pre-mobility age then age into Facetime program. Get together to discuss concerns and successes of being a new parent.
  - This will happen in July and Aug. More info. to follow
- Global Mission
  - 3 mile walk called Walk4water to raise money to build well.
  - Date: Sat. Sept 22, more info to follow

### **5. 2018-2019 Church Council Nominations Update- Sharon Mylrea, Pastor Tim**

- Committee: Joe Schwartz, Dave Nelson, Brent Odell, Carol Munch
- Jeff Gehrke has agreed to fill Randall Hansen's term
- Working on recruiting 2 women and 2 men

### **6. Safety and Security**

- Preparedness workshop for active shooter and violence within the community
  - Free and offered by Dane Co. Sheriff's Office
  - Scheduled for Wed. Oct. 10th, 6:30-8:30
  - Council discussed the need for this, as well as opening it up for the whole MLC community. Will discuss again next month.

### **8. Strategic Plan Development**

- CLM initiative – status update
  - Discuss process and objectives to move forward
  - Parent Survey sent out and good responses and suggestions

- Bathrooms came up as needed to be repaired
- Meet in Sept, finalize teacher and congregation survey
- Meet with staff in person and hold congregational focus groups to get ideas for improvement
- Present finding to council in the Fall to figure out next steps
- Members Interests and gifts initiative- status update
  - On hold until Norma is mobile

**Adjourn and Closing Prayer- Pastor Tim**

Motion to adjourn at 8:55 by Cheryl Brown, seconded by Mary Grell, approved by all

**FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS: Tuesday, June 26, rm 210 (office conference room)**

- **MLC Annual Meeting – Sunday, July 22, 11:15 a.m., FLC**