

**McFarland Lutheran Church Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 23, 2019**

**Call to Order**

By Sharon Mylrea at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Pastor Tim, Pastor Kelli, Todd Bolstad, Cheryl Brown, Pete Ellestad, Rick Hall (Sec.), Jeff Gehrke, Mary Grell, Sharon Mylrea (Pres.), Brent Odell (Treas.), Ruth Poutanen, Renee Rodeck, Kevin Strattan, Diane Wells (V.P.).

Not Present: Steve Schoch

- 1. Welcome** – Where did you see God today?
- 2. Agenda review and changes**
- 3. Devotion** – **Kevin Strattan** led us in a devotion citing Luke 24. How has Christ been made known to you?
- 4. Treasurer/Finance Committee Report** – **Brent Odell, Treasurer**

**Cash Balances**

Checking Account balance is \$73,515. Total Savings Account balance is \$491,399. The new account line item identified as 'Debt Reduction Funds' has a current balance of \$22,954.

**Mortgage**

Additional Capital Building fund contributions totaling \$25, which go to reducing the principal of the church mortgage, were received. For FY 2018-19 the total additional contributions received for the building fund are \$19,850. Mortgage balance is \$1,199,016 (*reduced \$3,369 from previous month*).

**Church Giving / Income and Expenses**

Offerings received this month were approximately \$70K bringing YTD total offering to \$460,042. YTD church income is \$927,869, an increase of approx. \$104K from last month, is consistent with the budgeted YTD amount. Additionally, YTD income is more than income received last year at this time by approx. \$30K.

Expenses for the month were \$141K bringing the YTD expense total to \$938,960. YTD expenses while under budget exceeded income by approximately \$11K. This was primarily due to the fact that March was a 3 pay period month. Committees and programs are operating consistent with or below budgeted amounts.

**4K Income and Expenses – Page 3**

Current YTD 4K expenses are lower than income received to date by approximately \$37K.

**Pass Thru Summary – Page 4**

Designated and undesignated giving totaled \$23,775 (\$17,649 of which was for our mortgage reduction initiative). \$25K down payment for new bathroom.

### **Memorials**

YTD memorial amounts received are \$2,075.

### **5. Pastors' reports – Pastor Tim, Pastor Kelli**

#### **Pastor Tim:**

- Pastor Tom expressed the joy of the Easter season. Quiz: Christ is risen! Response: Christ is risen indeed!
- New member classes are coming up 4/28 and 5/5, or one class on Tuesday, 5/7. New members will be received 5/19. We will also have a new member breakfast on that date including new members from the last few years.
- Dick Kohl is retiring after 20 years of service as of 5/11 There will be a celebration at the 8:00 service 5/12.
- Summer office hours will start 5/31. The office will close Fridays at noon, thru Friday, August 30. Individual staff hours per week will remain the same using flex time.
- Pastor Tim will be attending a worship conference next week at Valparaiso University.
- Synod Assembly will be 5/4-5. Bonnie Dirks and Wayne Corey are MLC voting members along with pastors.

#### **Pastor Kelli:**

- The Puerto Rico and Uganda mission members are back. We will have a Puerto Rico sharing at services 4/27 and 4/28.
- Sunday school ends 5/12 – kids will be singing that day at the 10 a.m. service.
- Vacation Bible School will be in July this year.
- Pastor Kelli will attend a preaching conference 5/13-17.
- A baptism preparation class will be held 5/21.

### **6. Mortgage Reduction – Brent Odell - Treasurer**

- We have \$120,485 from 72 pledges shown on thermometer in the gathering space. We refinanced our loan which saves reduces the amount by \$79k compared to last year. Monthly payments have been reduced by \$278/month.
- Discussed how many pledgers we have and how to continue to keep this in front of the congregation.
- We will review the 2019-20 budget next month. Jeff to lead the discussion.

### **7. CLM Planning – Todd Bolstad – status update**

- Bathroom remodel is really going well. Staff are very pleased with progress.
- The CLM Committee asked staff to come up with a list of priorities for facility repairs.  
Priorities:
  - deep cleaning classrooms
  - holes filled, walls painted
  - Rainbow updates include new countertops and cabinets
  - Garbage disposal in hallway

- Todd will send the list to Diane for the properties committee.

#### **8. Safety & Security – Rick Hall – Review Planning Worksheet**

- Rick shared the evolving worksheet with feedback from ushers, greeters and welcome center people and now with council.
- Council review and feedback included:
  - Need more detail of who and when prior to council approval.
  - Need to communicate to congregation – Rick to prepare news item.
  - Discussed need for recruitment of ushers, greeters and welcome center folks. Situational Awareness training should aid recruitment.
  - Need to include medical situations in training.
  - Training should be repeated year to year and be available to congregation and building users.

#### **9. Council Nominations for 2019-2020 – Pastor Tim**

Two male nominees have agreed to serve. Jeff will send an expanded list of men and women to the Nomination Committee. Pastor Tim met with Chris Landerud to discuss having a one-year youth representative on council.

10. **Other** – Kevin reported that Game Night is now includes women and older youth as well as men.

11. **Adjourn and Closing Prayer** Mary Grell moved to adjourn at 9:02

#### **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:**

**Tuesday, May 28, 2019 – 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**  
**Devotion – Diane Wells**