

McFarland Lutheran Church Council

Monday, June 28, 2010

Minutes

Members Present: Sandy Chalmers; Kristine Bell; Karen Emerson; Dennis Knutson; Linda Langel; Dick Moen; Marilyn Vandeberg; Menghort Thikim; Pastor Tews

Absent: Bob Kalhagen, Jerry Hrovat, Sarah Schutt, Tom Scharine

I. Call to Order & Welcome

Sandy Chalmers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

II. Opening Prayer and Devotion

Pastor Tews shared thoughts and a prayer from the Bishop about the oil spill in Louisiana. Sandy Chalmers shared a scripture reading on how we can better serve as a Christian.

III. Reports

- **Pastor Jerry Pribbenow** – Due to Jerry Hrovat's absence, Pastor Pribbenow reported the stewardship topic for next fall will focus on Love, Growing in Christ, Giving back, and Sharing. It will be over 5 weeks in the fall and to include Global Mission. Due to gifts and P. Pierce memorial fund we were able to purchase 2 motor cycles.
- **Karen Emerson** – Reported that the youth board met and had 10 members present. The board is just getting started and will help Bonnie Duerst with summer fest.
- **Meng Thikim**- reported that global mission is looking to have a student or pastor from Puerto Rico come during the stewardship drive for global mission.
- **Dick Moen and Sandy Chalmers** - stated the personnel/employee handbook has been revised and updated.
- **Dennis Knutson** – financial report stating CLM has a shortfall of money and MLC will loan them money to cover the shortfall. Discussion and planning has been done to make changes so CLM will be in better financial shape come July 2011.

IV. New Business

- Allen and Olson Consulting were contracted by MLC to complete a visioning workshop. Phase I will include Congregational Mission and Vision. This will enable the congregation to match gifts of staff and congregation members to lead the congregation to accomplish the vision. The recommendations included to hold a congregational workshop. This is the 1st step in helping MLC to call a new pastor.
 - Motion by Dennis Knutson, seconded by Kris Bell to hold a congregational workshop on August 7, followed by a workshop for the council on August 21. Motion passed.
- Personnel committee is in the process of interviewing a candidate for Director of Music Ministry. Further interviews are underway.
- Dick Moen made a motion to hire a head custodian for cleaning and routine maintenance for 20 hours a week and an additional custodian for 10 more hours a week; second by Linda Langel. This will allow for flexible scheduling and the ability to cover more hours. Motion carried.
- Kris Bell from properties made a motion to repair the sidewalk and asphalt that is a safety hazard for a cost of \$3675.00 and Karen Emerson 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
- Kris Bell also from properties made a motion to have the carpets and floor cleaned for a cost of \$4615.00 and 2nd by Dick Moen. Motion carried. (The funding will come from the 2009/2010 budge)
- Discussion was presented for the agenda of the annual meeting. There will be a potluck starting at 11:30am followed by the annual meeting at 12:30pm.

- Dennis Knutson presented the budget for 2010/11
 - Dennis Knutson made a motion for Pastor Tews to ask Pastor Pribbenow to draft a special letter on behalf of the council and leadership of MLC to those people who gave to the special appeals fund for MLC staff. The letter will thank them and end the special appeals fund. Second by Karen Emerson. Motion carried.
 - Dennis Knutson made a motion to have Claire Peterson Memorial Fund be utilized for the new building fund; second by Karen Emerson. Motion Carried. (The estimated building fund is currently at \$67,829)
 - The motion to pass the 2010/2011 Budget was presented by Dennis Knutson and was seconded by Karen Emerson. Motion carried.
- Discussion of MLC finances is ongoing. MLC has done a nice job watching expenses this year. Due to vacancies in staff we can meet our financial needs at this time. We will continue to pray and grow in Christ so we can spread the Gods love.

VI. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Sandy adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Linda Langel

Appointed Secretary