

Minutes of McFarland Lutheran Church Council
Monday, July 19

Members Present: Sandy Chalmers; Kristine Bell; Karen Emerson; Dennis Knutson; Jerry Hrovat; Dick Moen; Tom Scharine; Sarah Schutt; Marilyn Vandeberg; Menghort Thikim

Members Absent: Bob Kalhagen; Linda Langel; Pastor Tews **Guests:** Scott Potts

1. **Call to Order** - Sandy Chalmers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

2. **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Marilyn Vandeberg; seconded by Karen Emerson to approve the minutes of the June meeting as corrected to indicate that the May minutes were approved. Motion Carried.

3. **Devotion**

Menghort shared reflections on the beauty that God has created in our everyday lives and the importance of taking a risk to continually taking the risk that involves learning something new.

4. **Reports**

- **Jerry Hrovat** - Reported that the stewardship committee has begin planning for a number of actives that will happen this fall.
- **Sarah Schutt** - Reported that CLM program changes are being planned for the fall and that one new member has accepted the invitation to serve on their board of directors. Two additional vacancies still need to be filled. As the council representative on their board, Sarah will take a more active in the administration of CLM in an effort to further improve the working relationship between their board and our council.
- **Marilyn Vandeberg** - Reported that Len Lane will be serving as the chairperson for the worship committee this next year.
- **Karen Emerson** - Reported that vacation bible school planning is well underway.
- **Dennis Knutson** - Presented the end of the year budget report. He also answered a number of questions related to the budget report contained in the annual report. Council members are encouraged to answer questions about the financial report and if additional clarification is needed, questions should be directed to him or Sandy.
- **Menghort Thikim** - Reported that planning for the October Global Mission program is continuing. Specific details will be coordinated with pastoral staff.
- **Sandy Chalmers** - Reported that after over 10 years of volunteering their time and talents, the 9:15 music team of Deb Nygaard, Luanne Platt and Ken Kloes have announced that they will no longer lead the music for this service. **Marilyn Vandeberg** added that the worship committee will be meeting with all music staff in the near future to develop and coordinate the role music will have in all services.

5. **Old Business**

a. **Mission/Vision Workshop**

➤ **Planning**

- Council reviewed the draft agenda and handouts prepared by the consultants.
- Council members will continue to encourage members of MLC to attend the workshop.
- Sarah Schutt and Sandy Chalmers will coordinate the day's activities.

➤ **Communication**

- ↳ 450+ letter of invitation have been sent to families to invite them to attend this workshop.
- ↳ Another follow-up letter will be sent to these families along with worksheets they will be asked to complete prior to the meeting.
- ↳ The workshop announcement will be included in newsletters and Sunday morning "News You Can Use".

6. Annual Meeting 7/25

- **Eileen Brost, Jon Landen, Scott Potts and Deb Wellman** have accepted nominations to serve three year terms on the council. Election to these positions will take place during the annual meeting.
- Attendance sign-in procedures will be supervised by Bill Langel.
- A number of possible topics that members of the congregation may have questions about were reviewed in an effort to insure that all council members have the information necessary to answer them.

7. Future Council Meeting and Election of Officers

The newly elected and continuing members of the council will be meeting immediately after the annual meeting to elect officers and begin preparation for the 2010-2011 year. Members who are completing their term were reminded to turn their note book into the church office so that it could be up-dated and prepared for new members.

8. New Business

Director of Music Ministry and Organist/Pianist

Moved by Marilyn Vandenberg; seconded by Sarah Schutt to support the recommendation from Personnel Board to increase spending on music personnel in 2010-2011 from \$17,389 up to a maximum \$30,000. Motion carried.

9. Special Announcements

- ↳ The August council meeting may be held in conjunction with the August 21st workshop.
- ↳ Ken Brost and Susan Brodd have begun working as part-time custodians.

10. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Sandy adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted

Tom Scharine, Secretary