

McFarland Lutheran Church Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Members Present: Pastor Tim, Pastor Kelli, Todd Bolstad (Pres.), Cheryl Brown, Pete Ellestad, Rick Hall (Sec.), Marcy Konemann, Rex Link, Ruth Poutanen, Renee Rodeck (Vice-Pres.), Barbara Porter-Quam, Kevin Strattan, Brent Odell (Treas.), Gary Toboyek
Excused: Mary Grell

1. **Welcome** Todd Bolstad called the meeting to order at 7:01.
2. **Devotion** – Pastor Tim talked about building up the body of Christ
3. **Agenda Review and Changes** – Todd Bolstad
4. **Council Items**
 - Ground Rules: participate, respect everyone’s opinion, work toward consensus
 - Confidentiality
5. **Treasurer/Finance Committee Report** – Brent Odell

Cash Balances

Checking Account balance is \$48,642. Total Savings Account balance is \$560,238 of which \$78,123 is for ‘Debt Reduction’ in response to our mortgage reduction initiative. Of 192 k pledged

Mortgage

Brent explained how having two notes saves \$. \$1,940 remains in the Capital Campaign Building fund which will be used to cover part of the August principal portion of our mortgage payment, after which time the account will be depleted and no longer exist. Beginning in August, debt reduction funds, received in response to our mortgage reduction initiative, will be used to make principal payments on our mortgage. Our current mortgage balance is \$1,185,547 (reduced \$3,385 from previous month). We have saved 1168/mo by refis

Church Giving / Income and Expenses

Offerings received this month were approximately \$45K. YTD church income (which includes offering income) was \$102,891 and is approx. \$6K more than our budgeted/projected YTD amount. Additionally, YTD income is more than income received last year at this time by approx. \$10K. Expenses for the month were \$101K which were below budget. In addition and more importantly, YTD expenses are less than actual income received by approximately \$2K. Committees and programs are operating consistent with or below budgeted amounts.

4K Income and Expenses

Current YTD 4K expenses were more than income received to date and will continue to be more than income until the first payment from the school district is received in October.

Pass Thru Summary

Designated and undesignated giving totaled \$8,797 (\$6,294 of which was for our mortgage reduction initiative).

Memorials

YTD memorial amounts received were \$75.

The accounting firm of Boyles & Co. conducted a financial review of church finance procedures. Church by-laws require such a review every 3 years. The review focused on 3 areas; banking procedures, credit card usage and proper accounting, and payroll disbursement. There were no exceptions or issues found related to our accounting procedures with respect to these areas.

We received a donation from Subzero for a new fridge. Thank-you letters sent by Pastor Tim and Properties Committee to Joe Schwartz and his brother Fred at Subzero.

6. Pastors' reports – Pastor Tim, Pastor Kelli

Pastor Tim

- Our outgoing pianist Noah Bossert got a standing ovation at his last Sunday service! Two candidates interviewed and one recommended for hire to Personnel.
- Staff milestones: Huldah's 15 years will be recognized on 9/8. Beth Miller will be recognized for her 20-year milestone at CLM on Sept. 29, 10 a.m. worship. CLM will host an open house 9/29 at 9:15.
- Our bishop resigned and new acting bishop, the Rev. Steve Kottke, will fill in until an interim bishop is chosen in the next few months.
- New member class is scheduled for 9/22 and 9/29 (Sunday morning) or 9/24 (Tuesday night).
- Bethel series - Jerry Pribbenow will start on Wed., Oct. 9, with the New Testament and finish after Easter.

Pastor Kelli

- Rally Day 9/8 9:15 in Sanctuary
- Sunday School Leader Training on Rally Day, starts 9/15
- 3 year old Bibles given out 9/15 during Sunday School
- Shift to 6th grade for new bibles to prep for confirmation - Class Wednesday 9/18, presentation 9/22 at 10
- Walk 4 Water 9/14 11 AM at McDaniel Park goal is 1 more well for Uganda - last year donations allowed for 2 wells
- Adult Faith Formation 9/15 - to feature Uganda mission and trip March 24
- Puerto Rico mission trip planned for 3/30 p 4/6/20.
- Continuing Education 9/23-24 - how to better understand, support & minister to LGBTQIA+ siblings
- Vacation 9/16-17

7. **Committee Liaisons** – Pastor Tim -Liaison assignments were updated as follows:

Todd Bolstad - CLM
Cheryl Brown -Family & Children's Ministry
Pete Ellestad- Global Mission
Kevin Strattan - Finance
Mary Grell- Personnel (3rd year)
Rick Hall Health and Social Wellness
Gary Toboyek - Personnel (1st year)
Brent Odell (Appointed Treasurer) Finance – Committee Chair
Ruth Poutanen - Adult Faith Formation, Worship & Music
Renee Rodeck- Personnel (2nd year)
Marcy Konemann - Stewardship
Barb Porter-Quam - CLM
Rex Link - Property

8. **Security Task Force Update** – Rick Hall

- Rick reviewed the items approved at the June MLC Council meeting plus the categories remaining to be developed and presented to council - safe rooms, locks, door blocks, lighting improvements, room, crisis info box and building signage.
- Three sessions of Run, Hide Fight Training will be presented by Brent Plisch and Deb Hettrick Sunday, October 6 at 11 a.m., Sunday, October 13 at 9:15 a.m. and Wednesday, October 23 at 6:30 p.m.
- Usher, welcome center and greeter procedures will be implemented following the trainings.
- Welcome center re-location and bush-trimming along playground are completed.

9. **Council Meeting Minute Procedure for Review and Approval** – Rick Hall add pdf

- Secretary drafts minutes in Google Docs and invites Senior Pastor and Council President to edit.
- Upon receiving these edits, secretary routes to all council members in Word and PDF format for review and approval.
- Upon approval by a majority of those present, secretary routes to MLC office.

10. **Adjourn and Closing Prayer** – Cheryl move and Gary seconded motion to adjourn at 8:50.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 – 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Devotion – Pete Ellestad