



# McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

## McFarland Lutheran Church Council

### Meeting Minutes

Saturday, January 25, 2020

At Skaalen Village Clubhouse

Following a day of spiritual renewal, led by Pastor Mark Petersen, Council concluded their day with a short business meeting.

**Members Present:** Pastor Tim, Pastor Kelli, Todd Bolstad (Pres.), Renee Rodeck (V.P.) Cheryl Brown, Pete Ellestad, Mary Grell, Marcy Konemann, Rex Link, Ruth Bennett, Barbara Porter-Quam, Kevin Strattan, Gary Toboyek

**Absent:** Rick Hall (Sec.) & Brent Odell (Appointed Treas.)

**Welcome:** Todd Bolstad called the meeting to order at 2:30. There were essentially just two items of business to be discussed at the meeting.

Todd opened the meeting with conversation with regards to the background leading up to Pastor Tim's request for a sabbatical. The Church Council adopted a sabbatical leave policy in March 2019.

This was followed with discussion of the policy and procedure for a sabbatical to be granted for a pastor.

Todd then proceeded to ask Pastor Tim to outline his plan for his sabbatical. This included:

- 1) Pastor Tim's plans for what he was going to do within his sabbatical time off
- 2) Pastor Kelli's input
- 3) Discussion of coverage in his absence. Pastor Tim will be securing a part-time sabbatical supply pastor in his absence.

The final piece of the discussion covered was the financial aspect of the sabbatical.

Pastor Tim was going to cover his own expenses for the sabbatical activities.

Compensation for the pastoral coverage in his absence was going to come from the “new ministry account”.

Following some final comments, a motion was made by Ruth and seconded by Rex to approve Pastor Tim’s sabbatical request. The council approved a sabbatical leave for Pastor Tim from July 1, 2020, until Sept. 30, 2020.

The motion had passed.

### **Financial Report:**

Todd had a recap from Brent outlining the financials for the end of December, 2020.

The highlights were:

- 1) Year to date income is in line with our budgeted/projected income YTD, and has exceeded last at this time by about \$24K.
- 2) Pledges to the MRI are up slightly and now total \$193,370, of which \$83,218 has been received. Overall contributions received toward reducing the mortgage totals \$116,249.
- 3) Checking account balance is \$85,586 and the savings is at \$581,912.

### **Comments to our year financially:**

#### **Mortgage**

Our current mortgage balance is \$1,168,440 (*reduced \$6879 from previous October*).

Pledges to our MRI total \$193,370 of which \$99,283 have been received. Overall contributions received toward MRI is \$116,249.

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

Offerings received in November and December totaled \$133,579. YTD total offering is \$315,195. *Total church income is \$651,131, an increase of about \$245K since October.*

#### **Expenses:**

Expenses for November and December were \$203K bringing total YTD expenses to \$636,957. This was under budget and less than YTD income received. Committees and programs as operating consistent with or below budgeted amounts.

#### **4K Income and Expenses**

Current YTD 4K expenses are lower than income received by about \$15K YTD.

#### **Pass thru Summary**

Designated and undesignated giving total \$17,405, which \$8709 was for MRI.

**Memorial**

YTD memorial amounts received are \$2610.

We adjourned the meeting at 3:10 (Kevin moved & Marcy seconded) with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Toboyek (acting secretary)