



McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

**McFarland Lutheran Church Council
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 28, 2020
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Adult Education Room**

Sharing God's Word Showing God's Love Serving God's World

Present (Via Zoom): Pastor Tim, Pastor Kelli, Ruth Bennett, Todd Bolstad (Pres.), Cheryl Brown, Pete Ellestad, Rick Hall (Sec.), Rex Link (via phone), Brent Odell (Treas.), Barb Porter-Quam, Renee Rodeck (Vice Pres.) Kevin Strattan, Gary Toboyek.

Excused: Mary Grell, Marcy Konemann

1. Welcome - Todd called the meeting to order at 7:04
2. Devotion – Gary Toboyek - The Lord will meet our needs.
3. Agenda review and changes – Todd Bolstad
4. Treasurer/Finance Committee report – Brent Odell

Cash Balances

Checking Account balance was \$103,830. Total Savings Account balance was \$600,950 of which \$116,188 was the current balance of 'Debt Reduction' funds in response to our mortgage reduction initiative.

Mortgage

Our current mortgage balance is \$1,159,199 (*reduced \$2,314 from previous month*). Pledges to our MRI total \$193,370 of which \$92,812 have been received. Overall contributions, including pledged and non-pledged dollars, received toward reducing our mortgage total \$132,408.

Church Giving / Income and Expenses

Offerings received totaled \$41,186. YTD church income (*which includes offering income*) was \$978,910 which is approximately \$3K more than our budgeted/ projected YTD amount. Additionally, YTD income was more than income received last year at this time by approx. \$51K.

Expenses totaled \$98,606 bringing total YTD expenses to \$970,488 which were \$8,442 less than YTD income received. Committees and programs are operating consistent with or below budgeted amounts.

4K Income and Expenses

Current YTD 4K expenses are less than income received by \$38,201 (*MLC received its second payment of \$51,319 from the McFarland School District. Total reimbursement received from the McFarland School District is \$104,488*).

Pass Thru Summary

Designated and undesignated giving totaled \$8,696 (*\$3,729 of which was for our mortgage reduction initiative*).

Memorials

Memorials in the amount of \$215 were received, bringing the YTD amount to \$2,215.

The purchase of a new CLM van has been deferred. For now, we will go with necessary repairs only.

Parking lot paving will begin soon and will address some sub-surface issues.

MLC applied for and was granted a Paycheck Protection Program loan, through the CARES Act. No need to repay if the loan is used 100% for salaries.

May council meeting will include a draft of the proposed 2020-21 budget.

5. Pastors' reports – Pastor Tim :

- Per the governor's Safer at Home order, MLC will be closed through Monday, May 25.
- Staff have been working remotely. Rita comes in to do payroll, finances, and other office tasks. Ken does daily building checks.
- We have been conducting Sunday services via Facebook Live and have received positive feedback. Pastor Tim, Pastor Kelli and Chris Malueg each have a segment. Those who do not have or use Facebook can see the worship video on our website.
- Last Sunday we did a Zoom virtual "coffee half-hour" from 10:45-11:15.
- The pastors are also doing devotions each Monday and Wednesday at 11:00 plus a children's message Thursdays at 11.
- John Scoville has recorded some piano music on YouTube for our website.
- Carrie Kruzan has been sending out weekly MLC email updates to approximately 600 members. She is doing a great job with website and Facebook updates.
- CLM is using its Facebook page. Deb Nygaard is recording some music and other staff are reading stories and recording videos for the children. We are hoping to resume daycare (Rainbow Center) in June.
- Huldah Ellestad has been managing our MLC Keeping in Touch effort to have volunteers make calls to folks who may need some contact. Contact her if you know of someone in need of support.

Pastor Kelli

- First Communion has been cancelled for now. We will notify families when we restart.
- Vacation Bible School - We are considering alternative methods of holding it this year.
- 20's 30's 40's - We will have a bible study in June on marriage/relationships.
- Pastors Tim and Kelli will be leading small group bible studies in May.
- Pastor Kelli is virtually attending the Festival of Homiletics (a preaching conference) for continuing education.

6. Security Update - Rick Hall

Rick will work with new Property Committee chair, Scott Potts, when we are able

to meet at church. There are a few more items completed and documented. E.g., a barrier was installed above the doorway from offices to the CLM area.

7. Church Opening - We will be looking at the Badger Bounce Back for planning guidance. There is specific advice for churches. Council members, please take a look at this. See attachment.

8. Church Council Nominations. - The nomination committee includes council members that completed their three year term last year: Sharon Mylrea, Diane Wells, Steve Schoch, and Jeff Gehrke. Bring nomination ideas to the council meeting.

9. Adjourn and Closing Prayer. Rick moved to adjourn.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: May 26, 2020, Devotion: Kevin Strattan