



## McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

McFarland Lutheran Church Council  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 25, 2020  
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
Adult Education Room

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

**Present:** Pastor Tim, Pastor Kelli, Todd Bolstad (Pres.), Cheryl Brown, Pete Ellestad, Mary Grell, Rick Hall (Sec.) , Rex Link, Brent Odell, Kevin Strattan, Gary Toboyek. **Excused:** Ruth Bennett (Poutanen). Marcy Konemann, Barb Porter-Quam, Renee Rodeck  
Welcome - Todd called the meeting to order at 7:01

1. Devotion – Cheryl: Talents are like crayons - use them well.
2. Agenda review and changes – Todd Bolstad - Added brief Security Update
3. Treasurer/Finance Committee report – Brent Odell

#### **Cash Balances**

Checking Account balance was \$64,131 Total Savings Account balance was \$593,689 of which \$112,724 was the current balance of 'Debt Reduction' funds in response to our mortgage reduction initiative.

#### **Mortgage**

Our current mortgage balance is \$1,164,982 (*reduced \$3,458 from previous month*).

Pledges to our MRI total \$193,370 of which \$86,950 have been received. Overall contributions, including pledged and non-pledged dollars, received toward reducing our mortgage total \$124,331.

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

Offerings received in November & December totaled \$62,712.

YTD church income (*which includes offering income*) was \$768,082 which is approximately \$18K more than our budgeted/projected YTD amount.

Additionally, YTD income was more than income received last year at this time by approx. \$38K. Expenses for January totaled \$127,877 bringing total YTD expenses to \$764,834 which were \$3K 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 \$4K.

### **Pass Thru Summary**

Designated and undesignated giving totaled \$12,545 (\$10,609 of which was for our mortgage reduction initiative).

### **Memorials**

YTD memorial amounts received were \$2,610.

We also added ability to pay by cc - few have started.

#### **4. CLM Bus Needs – Todd Bolstad**

The CLM bus has wiring issues - safe but it is time for a newer vehicle. It is a 2006 model, purchased in 2010. CLM committee is discussing a replacement. They are planning for generally around \$40k – have asked Finance to provide input on budget. CLM parent group will contribute some. Looking at a 14-passenger vehicle. Previous purchase came from funds in Property Committee, dedicated accounts, and special fund appeal. Midwest Transit Equipment can help locate - have used vehicles. Rex: school board used Nelson in Whitewater. Used buses go fast. Van Galder mentioned by Gary. Kevin: consider budgeting for future van purchase.

#### **5. Committee Liaison Reports – All**

Rick reported on the Security Planning Taskforce. Kristin Hildebrandt and Harlan Hettrick did two sessions on Emergency Response - 30 people attended. Gary Toboyek did some LED lighting conversion under the main entry canopy. Rick will check out other lighting work done or still planned. Other items to be addressed - building access policy and building signage.

Gary reported on Personnel - Working on getting staff Wellness Support procedures in Personnel Handbook.

Rex - Properties Committee will meet more often since there are several new members. They are tackling the Deferred Maintenance list. They will be looking for volunteers (e.g. for window washing, cleaning chairs, updating playground base with pea gravel, wood chips). Scott Potts is the new chair. Council was supportive of this new approach with seeking volunteers. High use items like dishwasher need to be put on a Routine Maintenance list.

Cheryl reported for the Family & Children Committee. They are organizing a "Spring Fling" event 3/14 at 9:00 – 11:00 am, FLC. Activities will include: bounce house, plant a seed, decorate a cross, making bird feeders, etc.

Global Mission: Pete reported on recent Habitat work on Kwanza Circle in Madison - next year MLC will participate in Stoughton. The Uganda trip will include 10 MLC members plus some others starting 3/24. Send-off blessing will be 3/22 at 8:00. The Puerto Rico group includes 26 people leaving 3/30. The PR group had a breakfast in the FLC on 2/23. Jim Green, Global Mission member, is working with Outreach for World Hope. He spoke at one service and raised \$1k for baby formula to help nursing moms in Guatemala, one of a number of their projects.

Kevin reported that Finance will start working on the 2020-21 budget in March.

Rick: Health & Wellness has gone to a quarterly topic format with each month covering youth, adults and seniors. Currently, Kristin Hildebrandt has put up excellent info on physical wellness, including little activity cards.

Todd reported that CLM enrollment is going well.

6. Pastors' reports – Pastor Tim :

- Ash Wed services will be at 11 & 6:30 starting 2/26
- The theme for mid-week services is “A Feast for All Peoples: Eucharist and Justice in a Broken World”
- Adult Faith Formation will cover this topic, with the book resource “Still Hungry at the Feast”
- Wed 6:30 music during Lent will be Taize—from an ecumenical monastery in France.
- Soup meals - Marylin Vandeberg will coordinate Wednesday Lenten lunches. Vicki Holten is leading suppers. Members are encouraged to bring soup or other dishes.
- Seventeen new members were received Sunday 2/23.
- Synod Assembly - We have started the process for electing a new bishop. The Assembly will be May 1-2 plus a session on June 20<sup>th</sup> for the election. We need two others beside Wayne Corey to attend at the Kalahari.
- Stewardship - Financial Peace University Class just started with Joe D’Amato leading the classes.
- Sabbatical: Pastor Tim has been accepted by Holy Wisdom Monastery in Madison for a clergy spiritual renewal program. This includes a 10-day retreat in July. His sabbatical leave will be July 1-Sept. 30, 2020. He has a great candidate for a part-time sabbatical supply pastor, and will be getting the details to council in the next couple of months.

#### Pastor Kelli

- Confirmation students will be filling Worship Assistant roles at Lenten mid-week services. Chris Landerud and Pastor Kelli provided training for this.
- Global Mission: The Uganda group sending will be 3/22 at 8:00. The sending for the Puerto Rico group will be 3/29 at 10 a.m..
- Uganda recap service will be May 2 & 3, at all three services
- The 20-40’s group will have a date nite 3/20 at DLUX (burger joint on MLK Blvd).

7. Adjourn and Closing Prayer. Mary moved and Cheryl seconded motion to adjourn.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** March 24, 2020, Devotion: Ruth Bennett