



McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

McFarland Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 9/22/2020 ZOOM

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

Present (Via Zoom): Pastor Tim, Pastor Kelli, Rick Hall (Sec.), Rex Link (via phone), Katherine Miller, Brent Odell (Treas.), Barb Porter-Quam, Scott Potts (via phone), Carol Quinlan, Renee Rodeck (Vice-Pres.), Kevin Strattan, Gary Toboyek (Pres.), John Zweig. **Excused:** Ruth Bennett, Barb Porter-Quam, Marcy Konemann

1. Call to order & Welcome - Gary Toboyek opened the meeting at 7:07 PM
2. Devotion – Renee led the devotion with a reading of Psalm 23.
3. Agenda review and changes – Gary Toboyek
4. Ice Breaker Activity - We shared our favorite fall activities.
5. Treasurer/Finance Committee report – Brent Odell

FINANCIAL SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST 202

Cash Balances Checking Account balance was \$94,556. Total Savings Account balance was \$623,527 of which \$169,045 was the current balance of our 'Debt Reduction' funds in response to our mortgage reduction initiative and \$117,660 was designated for building maintenance/repair.

Mortgage Our current mortgage balance is \$1,140,689 (*reduced \$3,419 from previous month*). Pledges to our MRI total \$193,370 of which \$129,220 have been received. Overall contributions, including pledged and non-pledged dollars, received toward reducing our mortgage total \$173,641. We received a \$15,000 bequest for MRI.

Church Giving / Income and Expenses Offerings received totaled \$40,035. Non-offering revenue received was \$61,198 bringing total YTD revenue (including offerings) to \$154,162. This is less than our budgeted/projected YTD amount and about \$38K less than income last year at this time. Expenses for the month totaled \$80,327 which were \$1,300 less than income received. Committees and programs are operating consistent with or below budgeted amounts.

4K Income and Expenses Current YTD 4K expenses were \$1,971.

Pass Thru Summary Designated and undesignated giving for the month was \$22,007 of which \$15,550 was received as a bequest designated to go toward reducing our mortgage debt.

Memorials Memorials received YTD are \$375.

Motion to Approve Report - Kevin Strattan, Second - Renee Rodeck. Approved.

6. Pastors' reports –

Pastor Tim

- We had our third drive-in service which is going over well and now includes communion. Thanks to all who helped with set-up, parking and communion.
- We have a bid from Metro Sound for a camera and recording equipment to enable live streaming.
- In-person worship in the Sanctuary is under discussion with the Worship Committee. We need to require masks, have no singing by the congregation and maintain social distancing. We may start some time in November, depending on public health conditions in the pandemic.
- Advent and Christmas will be challenging this year. We are thinking about using Zoom for worship mid-week in Advent.
- Faith formation ministries are continuing virtually. We had a remote Rally Day 9/13, confirmation youth will start tomorrow (9/23).
- Affirmation of Baptism will be 10/18 at 10:00. This will be similar to baptisms via Sanctuary Live.
- Adult bible studies will be on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. on Facebook, with discussion on Thursdays at 7 p.m. on Zoom.
- CLM is doing pretty well, all things considered. 4K has resumed as of 9/8. School-age elementary is now all-day with connection to teachers via iPads. K-2nd grade is now a hybrid program with the school system.
- Office hours are now Monday through Thursday 9 - 2.
- We have an anti-racism discussion group reading "Dear Church" written by Black ELCA pastor Lenny Duncan.

- Our new bishop is Joy Mortensen-Wiebe. She will be installed during an on-line service on 10/11.
- Pastor Tim will participate in online continuing education sessions for four weeks in October. The topic is “Finding Hope in a Divided Country”.

Pastor Kelli

- We are supporting at-home Sunday School. Parents signed up for books with bible stories, developmental activities, prayers, etc. Pick-up is starting 10/11 from 11 to 1.
- The Global Mission and Health & Wellness committees will collaborate on support for the McFarland food pantry.
- There will be no bake sale this fall. The proceeds had gone to the food pantry and the Puerto Rico mission trip.
- The process for the Giving Tree effort will need to change due to Covid. Health & Wellness, the food pantry and other organizations are in discussions about this.
- Pastor Kelli and Pastor Tim will be hosting video-based anti-racism sessions in October, and Pastor Kelli will be hosting a multi-week bible study on race in November.

7. Any Committee meeting updates

- Scott Potts reported that the Properties committee is in early planning for a possible expansion of our south parking lot from 52 to 73 spaces. We will need to at least repave it in two to three years. We may change the entrance and reduce the need for backing-up and address drainage and refreezing issues.

8. Adjourn and Closing Prayer Adjourned at 8:04 PM.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: October, 27, 2020 Devotion: [Rex Link](#)