



McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

McFarland Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 12/15/2020 via ZOOM

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

Present (Via Zoom): Pastor Tim, Pastor Kelli, Ruth Bennett, 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. **Absent:** Marcy Konemann

1. Call to order & Welcome - Gary Toboyek
2. Devotion – Pastor Kelli shared a reading from a Martin Luther sermon - “He comes to you. ... You do not find Him. He finds you”
3. Agenda review and changes – Gary Toboyek
4. Future Meeting Dates - Gary Toboyek. We will postpone our annual retreat. We will get a report from the covid task force at our next meeting on January 26th.
5. Treasurer/Finance Committee report – Brent Odell

FISCAL YEAR 2020 – 21 FINANCIAL SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS FOR NOVEMBER 2020

Cash Balances Checking Account balance was \$135,824. Total Savings Account balance was \$681,289 of which \$217,020 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 \$1,130,361 (*reduced \$3,454 from previous month*). Pledges to our MRI total \$193,370 of which \$145,222 have been received. Overall contributions (*pledged and non-pledged dollars, bequests and memorials*) received toward reducing our mortgage total \$228,603.

Church Giving / Income and Expenses Offerings received totaled \$41,064. Total YTD revenue (*including offerings*) was \$411,002 which is less than our budgeted/projected YTD amount. Expenses for the month totaled \$94,602 bringing YTD expenses to \$421,801. YTD expenses were \$10,800 more than income received. Committees and programs are operating consistent with or below budgeted amounts.

4K Income and Expenses The current 4K balance after expenses was \$5,296.

Pass Thru Summary Two additional grants obtained by Sara for CLM totaling \$33,400 (\$18,400 for safe child care and \$15,000 for payroll and staff retention). Designated and undesignated giving for the month, not including the 2 CLM grants, the \$2,913 for reducing mortgage debt and \$6,785 for the Global mission special appeal was \$9,140.

Memorials Memorials received YTD total \$2,020.

John moved and Kevin seconded to approve the report. Motion passed.

6. Brief Pastors' reports –
Pastor Tim

- We will have another Holden Evening Prayer session of music and scripture 12/16 at 7 pm via Zoom.
- We are participating with six other churches for “Advent Adventure”. Each church has an outdoor display and you can access a YouTube clip with scripture, music and prayer.
- We will have a Drive-up Candles and Communion this Sunday 12/20 at the canopy entrance. Pastors will be handing out candles to be used at home for the Christmas services while we sing Silent Night. They will also give out communion packets.
- We may do more drive-up activities through the winter months. This is under discussion.
- We will be recording a service Christmas lessons and carols and putting it on our website before Christmas.
- Christmas services via Facebook live will be 12/24 at 3pm and 12/25 at 10 am.

Pastor Kelli

- Sunday School virtual Christmas program will be posted soon.
- We will have a “Blue Christmas” service of prayer and healing via Zoom at 7 pm 12/20.

7. Council / Taskforce letter to the congregation.
We discussed the letter. Rick made some suggestions. Scott moved and Barb seconded to approve the amended letter. Motion passed. The final version will be sent to council members with letters going out to the entire congregation. It will also be included in a newsletter.
8. Task Force Update - Gary Toboyek. The task force has met and will meet again after the holidays. They will report and share recommendations at our 1/26 meeting.
9. Any other business.
Properties: Scott reported that we will be removing a tree root causing a piece of sidewalk to become uneven. Will do this in the spring. We also will be replacing water softeners. We will use the Madison Metropolitan Sewer District's rebate program and may also get some help from the Village of McFarland.

Global Mission: Katherine reported that they exceeded their target of \$7,000 by \$885. The overage will be pro-rated among the three partner organizations we are helping.
10. Adjourn and Closing Prayer
Scott moved and Katherine seconded adjournment at 7:45

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: January 26, 2021 – Devotion – Gary Toboyek