



McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

McFarland Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 2/23/2021 via ZOOM

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

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 (excused): Ruth Bennett, Marcy Konemann.

1. **Call to order & Welcome** - Gary Toboyek
2. **Devotion** – Katherine Miller shared Max Lucado's thoughts on John 14:23 - God is not a vacation cabin. God is a place to dwell.
3. **Agenda review and changes** – Gary Toboyek
4. Treasurer/Finance Committee report – Brent Odell

FISCAL YEAR 2020 – 21 FINANCIAL SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS FOR JANUARY 2021

Cash Balances

Checking Account balance was \$79,116. Total Savings Account balance was \$688,549 of which \$221,292 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 \$1,123,414 (*reduced \$3,480 from previous month*). Pledges to our MRI total \$193,570 of which \$153,797 have been received. Overall contributions (*pledged and non-pledged dollars, bequests and memorials*) received toward reducing our mortgage total \$237,595.

Church Giving / Income and Expenses

Offerings received totaled \$39,894. Total YTD revenue (*including offerings*) was \$608,085 which is less than our budgeted/projected YTD amount.

Expenses for the month totaled \$107,146 bringing YTD expenses to \$628,036. YTD expenses were \$19,951 more than income received. Committees and programs are operating consistent with or below budgeted amounts.

4K Income and Expenses

Current 4K expenses exceed income by \$14,276. In February we should receive our second payment from the school district.

Pass Thru Summary

Designated and undesignated giving for the month, not including contributions of \$3,668 for reducing the mortgage debt was \$864.

Memorials

Memorials received were \$2,140 bringing YTD total to \$4,160.

Finance Committee Update on Action taken January 2021

- **MLC received official notification that our PPP (Payroll Protection Program) loan last year in the amount of \$132,000 has been forgiven.**
- **MLC has been notified that its application for additional PPP funding under the 2nd round of PPP monies made available under the Covid19 stimulus relief package passed in December 2020 has been approved in the amount of \$160,000. The intent is to use this money to pay staff salaries and associated benefits. These dollars, as with the previous PPP monies received, will be forgiven (not need to be repaid) provided certain conditions are met.**

Kevin moved to approve the finance report. Katherine seconded. Motion passed.

5. Pastors' Reports –

Pastor Tim

- We are starting another worship series for Lent with six other southeast Madison area ELCA churches. Each Wednesday evening at 7:00, a different congregation will show a worship video on the theme of "Created for Community." The first one is February 24th and the last will be March 24th. This will be a Facebook Watch Party, much like our Sunday services. MLC will lead the 3/10 session. The sessions will be posted on our website by Thursday morning.
- We will have drive-up communion 3/7 and 3/21 at 9:00 a.m.
- The Worship & Music Committee is planning to resume the Drive-In Service for 3/28, Palm Sunday, at 9 a.m. in the back parking lot. We have a new broadcast antenna, so the sound should be much improved.
- MLC member Christine Pribbenow will be leading a workshop on implicit racial bias. She developed this training for UW-Madison and she teaches other organizations. The Zoom session will be Thursday, March 4 at 7-8:30 p.m., and repeated Friday, March 5 at 10-11:30 a.m.
- Pastor Tim will be leading a faith-formation class on the last week of Jesus' life in the Gospel of Mark on 3/14, 21 and 28, 11 am-noon, on Zoom.

Pastor Kelli

- Pastor Kelli is participating in the local McFarland Equity Project (MEP) on racial justice, attending the Community Group portion of the larger MEP
 - As part of her continuing education, Pastor Kelli participated in a 2021 Lenten Preaching Workshop with Dr. Karoline Lewis. This is sponsored by the Southeastern Synod of ELCA. She is already using Dr. Lewis' training in her sermons and more is to come.
6. **Covid Task Force Update – John Zweig**
- The task force has a Google Docs page to share documents within the task force as they develop metrics for re-opening, safety and cleaning procedures
 - John is on the metrics subgroup. They are looking at re-opening in four phases and using measures such as
 - Percent of Dane County residents vaccinated.
 - Percent of positive Covid tests over a two-week period.
 - Average new Covid cases per day per 100,000 population.
 - John and other task force members attended a very informative webinar put on by the Wisconsin Council of Churches.
 - The task force will also address numbers who can attend services in the various phases, plus spacing, communion procedures, ventilation, cleaning and disinfecting procedures and more.
7. **Properties Committee Update - Scott Potts**
- Scott reported that we will be taking bids on improved air filters for our eight roof top units.
 - Properties are also dealing with several ceiling leaks.
8. **Personnel Committee Update - Gary Toboyek**
- The committee is in the process of developing the 2021-22 personnel budget.
9. **Any Other Business**
10. **Adjourn and Closing Prayer**
 Scott moved and John seconded adjournment at 8:18.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: March 23rd, 2021 – Devotion – Ruth Bennett