



# McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

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McFarland Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, 9/28/21 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. VIA ZOOM

Present (Via Zoom): Pastor Tim, Wayne Corey, Christina Hughey, Paul Hundt, Marcy Konemann(via phone), Jane Licht, Katherine Miller, Barb Porter-Quam(Sec.), Carol Quinlan, Scott Potts(via phone), Jon Schadeberg, Gary Toboyek(Pres.), Jon Zweig(Vice-Pres.)  
Excused: Pastor Kelli, Brent Odell(Treas.)

1. Call to order & welcome - Gary Toboyek, President
2. Devotion - Paul Hundt - Read from John verses 3:18 and 16:23. Paul then led us in prayer reflecting on the verses.
3. Agenda Review - Gary Toboyek
4. Approval of August 24, 2021 Minutes: Moved by Paul Hundt, Seconded by Wayne Corey; Motion carried.
5. Treasurer/Finance Committee report - Gary Toboyek in Brent Odell's absence  
FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 FINANCIAL SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST 2021

## **Cash Balances**

Checking Account balance was \$55,275.

Total Savings Account balance was \$678,133 of which; \$60,137 was the current balance of mortgage reduction initiative contributions used to pay the principal portion of our mortgage payment, \$117,660 was for building maintenance and repairs, and \$293,000 was in operating reserves.

## **Mortgage**

Our current mortgage balance is \$903,378. (reduced \$1,903 since July)

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

Offerings received totaled \$48,303.

Non-offering revenue received was \$47,872 bringing YTD revenue to \$180,468.

This is approximately \$22K less than our budgeted/projected YTD income amount.

Expenses totaled \$93,322 which were \$28K more than income received.

Committees and programs are operating consistent with or below budgeted amounts.

#### **4K Income and Expenses**

Current YTD 4K expenses were \$7,652.

#### **Pass Thru Summary**

Designated and undesignated giving received (less \$1,885 for mortgagee reduction and \$1,400 for Walk for Water) totaled \$4,920.

#### **Memorials**

Memorials received YTD are \$75.

#### **Finance Committee Updates:**

MLC received official notification from One Community Bank that the \$160K received in January 2021 under the federal covid stimulus relief as part of the payroll protection program (PPP) has been forgiven, i.e. we are not required to repay any portion of that loan.

Approval of Treasurer Report: Moved by Jon Schaedeborg, Seconded by Jane Licht; Motion carried

#### **6. Pastor's reports - Pastor Tim**

- Started new normal phase of worship, Saturday 5:00, Sunday 8:00 and 10:00
- Sunday Oct. 3 homebound communion begins
- Family Faith Formation has started; numbers are still fluctuating
- Adult Faith Formation is happening Sundays 9 a.m. Rm. 113; watching DVD series "In the Dust of the Rabbi" and "Walk as Jesus Walked"
- In-person confirmation is taking place at 9 a.m.
- October 17 at 10:00 will be Affirmation of Baptism; there are 22 9th graders participating
- October 3 7-9 pm Chris Landerud will host a Bonfire at his home for High School Youth
- Office staff office hours change began on Sept. 27 to: 8 - 4 Monday - Thursday, 8 - 3 Fridays
- Staffing: Huldah Ellestad's last day will be Oct. 3; there will be a recognition and thanksgiving for her ministry with MLC at 8:00 that day Currently Personnel is

reviewing her position description for her replacement. Office staff and volunteers will help cover until someone is hired.

- CLM has hired 2 lead teachers. They are still looking for 2 assistant teachers. Tots class (2 ½ year olds) was cancelled. Also, 3 year olds afternoon class was cancelled, those children were moved to the morning classes
- Pastor Kelli will return on Tuesday, October 5, beginning part time for a couple of weeks and using vacation to cover this re-entry.
- Pastor Tim announced he is resigning his call at MLC. He is responding to God's call to enter a program to become a spiritual director or spiritual companion. His last Sunday will be October 31 and last day in the office November 3. A letter will be mailed out to all congregational members on Wednesday, Sept. 29. He shared that he has been in discernment about this for several months, gives thanks for his 10 years as Senior Pastor and is excited about a new chapter in his ministry as a pastor. The council will be in contact with the synod Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe about the next steps.

### **Personnel**

- Christina Steele has been added to the Personnel Committee as liaison for CLM. Personnel is working on wages and benefits to maintain staff

### **Solar**

- Katherine Miller: committee met last week, they have done some preliminary fact finding on where panels may be placed
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### **Global Mission**

- Katherine Miller: Walk For Water went well with 70 in person walkers and 12 virtual walkers; the goal was \$10,000 for a safe water well in Aboliya, Uganda. \$15,400 has been raised to date. The additional money will help build a second well in Uganda.

### **Task Force on Covid**

- John Zweig: Task force is doing a bi-weekly update for the newsletter Keep encouraging people to get vaccinated.

### **Health and Social Wellness**

- Christina Hughey: New Life Church is hosting a Walking the Labyrinth - a journey toward peace, on Saturday, October 9

### **Properties**

- Scott Potts reported Alliant Energy changed the light fixtures in the parking lot this week

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10: Moved by Scott Potts, seconded by Paul Hundt and Katherine Miller; motion carried

Closing prayer by Pastor Tim, Psalm 100

Next Meeting: October 26

*Respectfully submitted by Barb Porter-Quam*