



# McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

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McFarland Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, 10/26/21 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. VIA ZOOM

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

1. Call to order & welcome - Gary Toboyek, President
2. Devotion - Katherine Miller - Read: What Heaven Holds from book "Grace for the Moment" reflects on Luke 15
3. Agenda Review - Gary Toboyek
4. Approval of September 28, 2021 Minutes: Moved by John Zweig, Seconded by Scott Potts; Motion carried.
5. Treasurer/Finance Committee report - Brent Odell  
FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 FINANCIAL SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS for SEPTEMBER 2021

## Cash Balances

Checking Account balance was \$34,219.

Total Savings Account balance was \$663,394 of which; \$61,467 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 \$901,468. (reduced \$1,910 from August)

## Church Giving / Income and Expenses

Offerings received totaled \$34,491.

Non-offering revenue received was \$43,322 bringing YTD revenue to \$258,281. This is approximately \$54K less than our budgeted/projected YTD income amount.

Expenses totaled \$93,332 which were \$43K more than income received.  
Committees and programs are operating consistent with or below budgeted amounts.

#### 4K Income and Expenses

Current YTD 4K expenses were \$16,818.

#### Pass Thru Summary

Designated and undesignated giving received totaled \$6,656 (\$6,330 was designated for mortgage reduction).

#### Memorials

Memorials received YTD are \$300.

Approval of Treasurer Report: Moved by Scott Potts, Seconded by Wayne Corey; Motion carried.

### **6. Pastors Reports**

#### **Pastor Tim**

- Exit Interview will be October 27, 7 pm; Jon Schadeberg will moderate, Barb Porter-Quam will take minutes and Todd Bolstad(Mutual Ministry Committee) will share comments and questions. Bishop Joy and the assistant to the bishop, Marie Leifblad, will be there as well.
- Pastor Tim thanked Pastor Kelli, especially for her pastoral gifts and the collegiality they have shared for 9 years at MLC. Communication to staff regarding the interim process and call committee should go through Pastor Kelli as interim-interim pastor, until an interim senior pastor arrives.
- Pastor Tim shared about his new calling to be a spiritual director/guide. He will be taking a training program in spiritual guidance with the Shalen Institute for Spiritual Formation, beginning in early 2022.
- November 3 is his last day, as stated in the letter to the congregation. To maintain healthy pastoral boundaries, he will not be available for pastoral acts such as preaching, funerals, weddings, after that date.

#### **Pastor Kelli**

- Walk4Water very successful, able to build 2 wells - 1 well was the goal
- Health and Social Wellness Committee will be doing Giving Tree again this year
- Baptismal Preparation class will begin Tuesday, November 9 via Zoom
- Staff hosting Outdoor farewell lunch for Pastor Tim on October 27
- There will be a moment of recognition and sending at each service weekend of October 30 and 31. Also time for conversation and saying goodbye between the services on October 31.
- November 7 - All Saints Sunday - All the saints lost during the last year will be

recognized by calling their name. Along with this there will be a moment of remembrance for all we have lost to COVID

## **Committee Reports**

### **Personnel**

- Sara Phelan, CLM Administrator, is analyzing ways for keeping staff by looking at some competing child care centers.
- Lay Ministry & Adult Education position duties have been reassigned temporarily to Office staff(Carrie and Rita) along with volunteers. Plan is to wait for the new pastor to be called before filling the position.

### **Properties**

- CLM playground pea gravel work has come to an end until spring.
- Utility rates will be going up approximately 8%

### **COVID Task Force**

- October 26 information showed improvement in total number of cases per week. Cases dropped by half
- FDA panel will make recommendation on 5 - 11 year old's being vaccinated shortly
- Outside church groups can use church facilities now

### **Global Mission**

- Looking at holding a bake sale fundraiser again

### **Solar Committee**

- Met recently, still in process of figuring out next steps; i.e. considering age of roofs

Open opportunity for Council members to say good-byes to Pastor Tim

### **Pastor Tim signed off**

Discussion took place about a farewell gift for Pastor Tim. Based on Pastor Tim's service to the church and consistent with past gifts to a departing senior pastor, the Council voted to provide a monetary gift to Pastor Tim in recognition of his pastoral leadership and service to McFarland Lutheran Church.

Call Process discussion:

- Gary Toboyek has been in contact with Marie at Synod Office
- Exit interview information will be sent to Synod office
- The Synod's Mobility Team met today
- Need to look at demographics when choosing congregants for Call process committees

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 - Moved by Scott Potts, Seconded by Katherine Miller

Closing Prayer by Pastor Kelli

Next Meeting: November 16

*Respectfully submitted by Barb Porter-Quam, Secretary*