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McFarland Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 11/16/21 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. VIA ZOOM

Present: 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 - John Zweig - John based a Thanksgiving reading from author Sharon James with John's edits
3. Agenda Review - Gary Toboyek
4. Approval of October Minutes: Moved by Wayne Corey, Seconded by Katherine Miller; Motion carried
5. Pastor Tim's Exit interview discussion - Much discussion took place about the interview and how Council should proceed. Pastor Kelli indicated our Interim Pastor can be very useful with some of the things mentioned in the exit interview. Katherine Miller noted that the Interview needs to be made available to the Transition committee.
6. Treasurer/Finance Committee report - Brent Odell
FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 FINANCIAL SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS FOR OCTOBER 2021

Cash Balances

Checking Account balance was \$61,374.

Total Savings Account balance was \$662,843 of which; \$60,718 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 \$894,526. (reduced \$6,942 from September)

Church Giving / Income and Expenses

Offerings received totaled \$48,125.

Non-offering revenue received was \$34,900 bringing YTD revenue to \$341,306. This is approximately \$80K less than our budgeted/projected YTD income amount.

Expenses totaled \$93,474 which were \$54K more than income received.

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

4K Income and Expenses

Current YTD 4K expenses were \$25,934 leaving a balance of \$21,487.

Pass Thru Summary

Designated and undesignated giving received totaled \$1,292 (\$1,185 was designated for mortgage reduction).

Memorials

Memorials received YTD are \$400.

Approval of Treasurer Report - Moved by Scott Potts, Seconded by Paul Hundt; Motion carried.

6. Pastor's Report

Pastor Kelli

- GingerBread Bash - Jon Schadeberg reported families can reserve a kit with the nativity scene elements. They will be ready for pick up December 4 from 10:00 a.m.-Noon, December 5 from 9:00-10:00 a.m., or in the main office.
- Christina Hughey reported that the Health and Social Wellness Committee is again partnering with McFarland Food Pantry Giving Tree. The link for everyone to sign up and help a neighbor is in the weekly newsletter.
- Katherine Miller reported that the Global Mission Committee will once again host a Bake Sale, December 12 in the Family Life Center. The proceeds will be split 50/50 going to Second Harvest of Dane County and outreach to World Health in Guatemala.

- Advent Mid-week services will be December 1, 8, and 15. The 11:00 a.m. service will be based on Watch Wonder Worship; the 6:30 p.m. service will be Holden Evening Prayer. Confirmation students will handle logistics for evening service
- Christmas Eve services will be at 3:00, 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. with LED candles; Christmas Day service will be at 10:00 a.m. Met with Chris Malueg to work on music for services.
- First Sunday of Christmas services will be December 26 at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
(Post-meeting note: the Worship and Music Committee decided to cancel the Saturday evening 5:00 p.m. service on December 25.
- Pastor George Carlson has agreed to preach one more weekend in November and one in December. The Synod has other supply preachers we can ask.

7. **Committee Reports**

COVID Task Force

- The COVID Case counts have continued to rise. Given the continued increase in cases, the holidays with larger services with visitors and the vaccination of children aged 5 to 11 beginning, the COVID Task Force continues to recommend masks be worn for indoor activities. Note: The Task Force will revisit mask requirements and other precautions in early January, as well, the task force will discuss any changes in mask orders that may take place in the interim.
- We had a reported COVID incident at MLC. The party attended service on October 31 but was vaccinated and wore a mask while in MLC. An informational letter/email was sent to all members on November 6.

8. **Synod Meeting update**

- Council will meet on December 14, 7 p.m. in our church.
- Marie Leifblad from Synod office will introduce Council to an Interim Pastor who will be available shortly after Christmas
- The Nomination box for those interested in serving on either the Transition or Call committees will be closed after the weekend of November 20 and 21.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 - Moved by Scott Potts, seconded by Paul Hundt; motion carried

Closing Prayer by Pastor Kelli

Next Meeting: January 25, 2022

Respectfully submitted by Barb Porter-Quam, Secretary

