



McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

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McFarland Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2022

MLC Adult Ed Room

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

1. Call to order & Welcome - Gary Toboyek
2. Devotion: Christina Hughey did her very 1st devotion sharing some lyrics from singer/songwriter Jewel's song "Life Uncommon" followed by scripture from James 2 14-17, followed by a prayer asking God to guide MLC Council in furthering our ministry for our community and our world.
3. Agenda Review - Gary Toboyek
4. Approval of Mach Minutes: Moved by Jane Licht, Seconded by Scott Potts, Motion Carried.
Special Meeting Minutes from March 31, 2022: Moved by Jane Licht to approve as edited, Seconded by Christina Hughey, Motion Carried.
5. Treasurer/Finance Committee report - Brent Odell
FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 FINANCIAL SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS FOR MARCH 2022

Cash Balances

Checking Account balance was \$145,169

Total Savings Account balance was \$705,609 of which; \$64,611 was the current balance of mortgage reduction 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 \$880,602. (reduced \$1,984 from previous month)

Mortgage reserves, money used to pay the principal portion of our monthly mortgage payment, stood at \$64,611.

Church Giving / Income and Expenses

Offerings received totaled \$51,723K.

Non-offering revenue received was \$55K bringing YTD revenue (including offerings) to \$857,445. This is approximately \$147K less than our budgeted/projected YTD income amount.

Expenses totaled \$96K bringing total YTD expenses to \$841,614 which were \$15K less than total YTD income received.

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

4K Income and Expenses

Current YTD 4K expenses were \$74,681 leaving a balance (after having received our second and final payment from the school district) of \$18,511. Total payment from the school district is \$93,192.

Pass Thru Summary

Designated and undesignated giving received totaled \$15,974 (this includes \$1,414 designated for mortgage reduction, \$12,236 in State grants to CLM, and \$2,311 in miscellaneous undesignated giving).

Memorials

Memorials received YTD are \$1,140.

Approval of Treasurer Report - Moved by Scott Potts, Seconded by Jane Licht, Motion carried.

Brent stated work on the 22-23 Budget is taking place. A draft of the Budget will be presented to Council at the May meeting. It will then go to the Finance Committee to finalize. Final approval by Council will take place at the June meeting before being presented at the Annual Congregational meeting for approval.

6. Pastor's Reports

Pastor Naomi

- Lent, Passion Sunday, Holy week and Easter all had increased attendance and went well
- Presented Council with handout timeline for Transition/Call Process
- Transition Team will have first meeting April 27, 2022

Pastor Kelli

- Currently offering First Communion Classes for 2nd grade students - one more class this Sunday, May 1 at 11:00 in the sanctuary
- Celebration of First Communion is Sunday May 8 at the 10:00 worship service
- Family & Children's Ministry is offering summer events
 - Family Faith Camp for 3 year-old to 5th grade students
 - 3:00 - 5:00 pm on Sundays June 12, July 10 & August 7
 - Not a drop-off event but intended for the whole family to do together
 - There will be music, crafts, Bible stories and a service project
 - Come to one, come to all. No cost to participate
 - Save the date publications have been put out, registration forms available the beginning of May.

- Continuing Education: Festival of Homiletics
 - Attended in-person in 2019. Very large conference held at 3 venues
 - Held virtually the past 2 years. I can now watch all the lectures, not needing to pick and choose who to see. Also videos are available for a full year.
 - Attending virtually on May 16-20 Theme: After the Storm: Preaching & Trauma
- Vacation - May 13-15

7. Committee Reports:

Task Force - John Zweig reported COVID levels are going up. The Task Force continues to monitor this situation.

Welcome Committee - Jane Licht & Barb Porter-Quam

Jane reported Outreach letters are starting to go out again. These go to new utility hookups in a 5 mile radius, assuming they are reaching new arrivals.

Barb reported MLC has had 2 visitors at worship on 3/20 and 3/27. Bread was delivered to the visitors with information about MLC and our activities

Planning has started for a Spring breakfast/brunch. Looking to hold it the same Sunday, May 22, as Chris Landerud recognizes the high school graduates.

Boy Scout Meeting Update - John Zweig said the Boy Scouts changed their recent meeting day without a great deal of notice. Thus no representative from MLC was able to attend. MLC representative want to be supportive with attendance at some Boy Scout meetings.

Global Missions Committee - Wayne Corey

Wayne reported there will not be a group, adults and students, going to Puerto Rico in the near future due to the hurricanes and COVID.

Uganda's latest trip has been postponed again this year due to COVID restrictions and testing.

Committee wishes to do another "Walk for Water" early fall timeframe.

Scott Potts moved that the Council support the "Walk for Water" which MLC has led on an annual basis. Jane Licht seconded; Motion Carried.

The Cairo missionary we support will be visiting on August 6 & 7. The missionary will be preaching on those dates. It will be a great opportunity for everyone to meet the missionary and discuss their work.

Properties Committee - Scott Potts

Scott reported the 4 HVAC units on the roof are aging - 3 are from 1996 and 1 from 1997. One heat exchanger is not working but the air conditioner is still working. They are trying to replace them all this year as a crane will be needed.

The light poles in the north parking lot are owned by Alliant and there is a \$2880 annual fee to Alliant for them. They have been in place since the Family Life Center addition. MLC is in discussion with Alliant about renegotiating this fee.

CLM/Personnel - Neither committee met in April.

Constitution - John Zweig reported this is a work in progress by the Executive Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 - Moved by Jane Licht, Seconded by John zweig; Motion carried.

Prayer closing with Our Father

Next meeting: May 24, 2022

Respectfully submitted by Barb Porter-Quam