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McFarland Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2022, 7:00 pm

MLC Adult Ed Room

Present: Pastor Naomi, Pastor Kelli, Wayne Corey, Paul Hundt, Jane Licht, Katherine Miller, Barb Porter-Quam(Sec.) Scott Potts, Gary Toboyek(Pres.), John Zweig(Vice-Pres, via Zoom)

Excused: Christina Hughey, Carol Quinlan

1. Call to order & Welcome - Gary Toboyek
2. Devotion - Wayne Corey led us in devotion highlighting Romans 12 reflecting the different gifts given to us by God and Psalm 150 hymn of praises. He further gave us some history of how jazz artists John Coltrane Dave Brubeck and Duke Ellington were really latter day Apostles through their music.
3. Agenda Review - Gary Toboyek
4. Approval of May Minutes with edit of deleting extra page,: Moved by Paul Hundt, Seconded by Katherine Miller; Motion carried.
5. Pastor's Reports:

Pastor Naomi

- Meeting with staff individually and reviewing their job descriptions
- Funeral this week and one a couple of weeks ago; several weddings coming shortly
- Synod treasurer role begins July 1
- Family from Scotland arriving June 30 and staying for couple of weeks (It has been 4 years since being together)
- Transitions Team met June 27 to prepare presentation to the Congregational meeting on July 24.. July 11 will be their last meeting
- Busy time in office; some long days and many conversations

Pastor Kelli

- First Family Faith Camp took place June 12. 13 children plus their parents attended
- July Family Faith camp with include food donation project for Food Pantry

- Four baptisms and a wedding in July
 - Working on Sabbatical with Advisory Board
6. Treasurer/Finance Committee Report - Brent Odell
FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 FINANCIAL SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY 2022

Cash Balances

Checking Account balance was \$116,759

Total Savings Account balance was \$718,263 of which; \$223K was for designated and undesignated uses, \$64K 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 \$876,610. (reduced \$2,000 from previous month)
Mortgage reserves, money used to pay the principal portion of our monthly mortgage payment, stood at \$63,997.

Church Giving / Income and Expenses

Offerings received totaled \$35,076.

Non-offering revenue received was \$55,442 bringing YTD revenue (including offerings) to \$1,039,018. This is approximately \$186K less than our budgeted/projected YTD income amount.

Expenses totaled \$101,153 bringing total YTD expenses to \$1,028,239 which were @ \$11K less than total YTD income received. (These expenses reflect NOT paying the salaries of a senior pastor for 3 months and a Lay Ministry/Adult Edu Coord for 8 months, using CLM grant monies received to pay salaries of staff and other program expenses, and savings from committees operating under budget, e.g. Fellowship and Faith Formation.)

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

4K Income and Expenses

Current YTD 4K expenses of \$94,415 were \$1,223 more than total payment received from the school district of \$93,192.

Pass Thru Summary

Designated and undesignated giving received totaled \$15,560 (this includes \$1,584 for mortgage reduction, \$5,275 in State grants to CLM, \$8,000 for solar panels and \$701 for other designated and miscellaneous undesignated uses).

Memorials

Memorials received YTD are \$1,140.

Motion moved to approve Treasurer Report by Jane Licht; Seconded by Wayne Corey; Motion carried.

7. The Fiscal 2022-23 Budget was presented by Brent Odell. A few questions were asked and Brent provided answers.

Jane Licht recommended the Budget as presented be forwarded to the congregation for approval at the July 24 Annual Meeting. Paul Hundt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There will be a Budget forum for the congregation to ask questions on July 17 at 9:15. A handout will be given to the congregation on July 10. Gary Toboyek will do a short temple talk July 9 & 10 encouraging attendance at the forum.

8. Council/Officer member discussion - Gary Toboyek
Gary reported Carri Wolff and Sarah Schutt have agreed to serve as Council members. We are still looking for a male member.

Scott Potts has agreed to serve as President. John Zweig has agreed to continue as Vice President. Jane Licht has agreed to serve as Secretary. Treasurer is open.

All will be ratified at the end of the Congregational Meeting.

9. Council discussion of letter presented to STF at meeting with Executive Committee
Wayne Corey moved to lay the letter on the table. Jane Licht seconded. Discussion took place. The Motion and second were withdrawn.

10. Constitution Update and Timeframe - Gary Toboyek
Ongoing work to integrate the Model Constitution from the Synod into MLC's Constitution and Bylaws. This will be presented to the New Council in July.

11. Committee Updates

- Personnel
New conduct guidelines, background checks, sexual harassment, etc. are being included in employee handbook

- Covid Task Force - John Zweig
Covid is still at medium. 64% of 5+ age group are vaccinated. Newsletter information has been revised to include links with more information.
- Stewardship - John Zweig
To date 106 pledges have been received vs. a total of 143 in 2019. Stewardship drive ends June 30.
- Properties - Gary Toboyek
Gary is starting to work on replacing light bulbs with LED bulbs. This will save electric use of 30-35% per fixture. Gary has also been in discussion with Alliant Energy requesting MLC take ownership of the light pole in the north parking lot. Currently Alliant's cost to MLC for purchase is \$11,000 vs MLC's annual rent of \$2880.
- Global Mission -Katherine Miller
 - 1)There will be a Walk for Water, September 24. Hoping to build two wells.
 - 2)Our missionary partner from Cairo, Pastor Christie Manisto, and her husband Steve Saari, will be preaching on August 6 and 7. Pastor Christie serves St. Andrew's United Church of Cairo which houses the Saint Andrew's Refugee Services (StARS). Global Mission can cover her expenses. However GM would like to have a "free will" offering for her mission work.

Moved by Paul Hundt, seconded by Barb Porter-Quam to allow Global Mission to conduct a "free will" offering to support ongoing mission work in Cairo. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 - Moved by Scott Potts, seconded by Pal Hundt; motion carried.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Kelli

Next Meeting: July 24, 2022 after Congregation Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Barb Portr-Quam, Secretary