



# McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## McFarland Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2022, 7:03 pm

Present: Pastor Naomi Garber, Wayne Corey, Jon Schadeberg, Doug Buechel, Katherine Miller Paul Hundt, Scott Potts, John Zweig, Jane Licht, Sarah Schutt, Carri Wolff, Carol Quinlan. Excused: Christina Hughey (who just had a baby boy!)

Guests: Dawn Bolsted, Dale Marsden, Ron Vandeberg, Wes Licht

1. **Call to order.** President Scott Potts called the meeting to order and welcomed the new members: Sarah Schutt, Carri Wolff, Doug Buechel
2. **Devotions.** Paul quoted 1 John 3:18 about good works being an expression of our faith.
3. **Solar Task Force.** Ron Vandeberg gave a progress report and request for action. The Solar Task Force recommended using Synergy with their 30.78 kW system of 57 panels on the Family Life Center roof. The total cost of \$72,476 would be paid for with funds designated only for that purpose. There would be a cost savings of \$4,417 and 54,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions saved annually. Members of four area churches with solar systems were all very enthusiastic about their projects. Much discussion ensued over the status of the project. John requested a timeline for installation with other projects planned. New members on the Council indicated a need to be more informed about the solar project. Sarah moved and Jon seconded a motion to take up the solar project at the council retreat and next meeting to provide the solar task force with a directional decision about the project. Motion carried.
4. **Pastor's Report.** Pastor Naomi misses Pastor Kelli. She is working on a job description for a Ministry Assistant position to fill Huldah Ellestad's vacancy. She will present the job description to the personnel committee and then open the position to the congregation. Applicants must be church members. At least one young woman is interested in this part-time position. New things are happening with music during services and that is going well. The Healing and Prayer service organized by Pastor Kelli was very well received. Pastor Naomi enjoys her grandchildren.
5. **Treasurer's Report.** Katherine is new to this position and asked the council to have patience with her. She reported approximately \$78,000 in checking. The budgeted pledge for envelopes was \$52,192 and the actual amount given was \$46,990. This is typical for the summer months. We have \$223,098 in designated/undesignated funds. Katherine is working on a position description for the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee is working on a new form to use for designated/undesignated donations. John moved and Paul seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
6. **Covid Task Force.** John said he will move to disband the task force at the next meeting.
7. **Properties Committee.** Scott said the purchase of the five parking lot lights has been completed and a power line run to the garage. The lighting in the Family Life Center and

the Gathering Space has been replaced with LED lighting which provides much better light and saves energy.

8. **Constitution.** John explained that that last time the MLC congregation voted to update the church constitution was in 2009. They last voted on the bylaws in 2016. It is important to finish the review of the Synod's Model Constitution of 2019 and present an updated constitution to the congregation prior to calling a new pastor. Sarah moved and Jon seconded a motion to establish a Constitution Review Task Force. Motion carried. Jane moved and Paul seconded a motion to invite the members of the current executive committee and the former executive committee plus Wayne Corey to meet and bring the constitution and bylaws into compliance with the model constitution; further, no more than ten members may constitute the task force. Motion carried. John said the bylaws are integrated into the model constitution. Committee descriptions can be handled by the council using a continuing resolution. Sarah said it would be good to consider establishing a governance committee and this can be discussed later.
9. **Call Committee.** Pastor Naomi said those on the call committee will need to prepare a 15-page congregational mission profile. She envisions this task being done in November and interviews done in January and February. There should be one member of the council, 2 or 3 from the transition team and 6 or 7 other members on the call committee. Pastor Naomi handed out sheets of prospective call committee members and asked council members to send her their votes by Wednesday, September 14.
10. **Protecting Children, Youth, Families and Vulnerable Adults.** John said he will ask for a vote on this document at the next meeting.
11. **Council Retreat.** This will be held September 18 at Skaalen Village, or at church if the clubhouse is not available, from 11 am until 3 pm. Lunch will be served.
12. **Installation of Officers.** This will be held on September 18 at whichever service council members usually attend.
13. **Committee Assignments.**
  - a. **Katherine** – Finance (chair)
  - b. **Paul** – Global Missions, Personnel (2<sup>nd</sup> year), Stewardship
  - c. **Doug** – Properties
  - d. **Carol** – CLM
  - e. **Jane** – Worship & Music
  - f. **Jon** – Family Life ministry
  - g. **John** – Personnel (3<sup>rd</sup> year)
  - h. **Carri** – Personnel (1<sup>st</sup> year)
  - i. **Sarah** – CLM
  - j. **Wayne** - Finance
  - k. **Christine** -Health & Social Wellness
14. **Devotions.** Scott. Requested that council members volunteer to lead devotions for the following months except for December when there is no meeting.
15. **Adjourn and devotions.** John moved and Katherine seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:05 pm. Pastor Naomi lead us in the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: Council Retreat, Sunday, September 18 at 11 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Licht, Secretary