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## **McFarland Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes**

June 27, 2023

**Present:** Pastor Naomi Garber, Katherine Miller, Wayne Corey, Jon Schadeberg, Paul Hundt, Scott Potts, Jane Licht, Carri Wolff, Carol Quinlan, Christina Hughey, Sarah Schutt, Sharon Mylrea

**Absent (excused):** Pastor Kelli Smidt, Christina Hughey, Doug Buechel

**Call to order.** President Scott Potts called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

**Devotions.** Wayne reflected that a person's profession may not be that person's calling. He read an article in Living Lutheran that reminded us about Martin Luther's contention that we are a priesthood of believers sensitive to God's call that leads us to serve our neighbors.

**Minutes.** Wayne moved and Paul seconded a motion to approve the May 23 minutes. Motion carried.

**Pastors' Reports.** Pastor Naomi had a great vacation. There was a two-day cross over and then Pastor Kelli was on sabbatical. Pastor Naomi will preach at an ordination in Milwaukee and Rachael Powell (daughter of Ken Brost) will be the guest preacher this coming weekend. Carrie's last day is July 19. Pastor Naomi is working with the Personnel Committee on the job description that will include some of Huldah's duties. Pastor Naomi and Scott met with Chris Malueg whose contract was not renewed. She talked with John Scoville and he is considering how he might increase his responsibilities at MLC. John has 40 piano students and he is the director of Madison Children's Theater. John is an experienced music director but prefers not to direct the bell choir. Deb Nygaard, Chris Landerud and John are working as a team to determine how best to organize the music at MLC. Pastor Naomi said that we have many members in life transition who need our support and prayers. She finished leading discussion of The Chosen last week and it was great fun. There are three baptisms coming up.

**Shared Table.** Pastor Naomi passed out information from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection indicating we must have a commercial kitchen in order to serve meals to the general public. This does not affect the meals associated with worship services and funeral lunches we prepare for our own members. After discussion, Sarah moved and Paul second the following motion: Because the kitchen facilities at McFarland Lutheran Church do not meet the requirements of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to serve and cater meals to the general public, MLC will no longer be able to provide our facility to host or cater meals for the general public. Motion carried. Sharon moved and Paul second a motion to direct the Executive Committee of MLC Council to proactively communicate this decision to the Shared Table board of directors. Motion carried.

**Finance Report.** Katherine reported that we are \$60,000 short of where we should be with pledges. Five families have responded to our requests for them to deal with undesignated memorial donations. This is Katherine's last finance report at a regular council meeting. She will make presentations at the budget forum and at the annual meeting but her "tour of duty" is about over. We continue to look for a new treasurer, either from the new council or a member outside of the council.

**Global Missions.** Wayne reported that the Walk for Water website is up. The walk is September 24.

**Nominating Committee.** Carri reported that Matt Lancaster and Erin Kraemer are the nominees for the Council.

**Solar Task Force.** Sarah said they are waiting for the solar panels to arrive.

**Local Mission Committee.** Paul said that committee members will serve dinner at Triangle ministry on July 24 and they could use a few more volunteers.

**Welcome Committee.** Paul reported that the Sunday before Labor Day they will host a “Holy Smokes” picnic at the church. They are contemplating a booth at the Community Festival.

**Care of Creation Committee.** Jane said that the committee will offer a canoe trip on August 12 beginning at the Jaeger canoe launch and travel down the Yahara River to Fish Camp. They planted a red oak and Wes Licht donated a swamp white oak in honor of his parents. The committee will be working with CLM children in the church garden.

**CLM Van.** Scott said the thought had been a new bus for CLM would cost \$80,000 but after talking with Sara Phelan and Chris Landerud, what is actually needed is a large van. Little Spartans day care is looking to sell their van and will keep us in mind. Scott feels we have sufficient funds for this good used van.

**Continuing Resolutions.** Sharon devoted a great amount of time and thought on this project. With help from Sandy Franklin, Pastor Naomi, Scott and Jane, she developed our MLC Council definitions for “Committee,” “Ministry,” and “Task Force.” References to these terms and continuing resolutions from our constitution were cited. She prepared a table of committees, chairpersons, Council Liaison, and Pastors. She outlined committees described in our constitution. And with her group of volunteers, she edited the committee descriptions. Sharon wishes to present the edited versions to the chairs of the various committees for their review and thus, they cannot be ready for the annual meeting. However, because the committee descriptions will be continuing resolutions, they may be approved either at a meeting of the congregation or by the council so there is no great rush to complete this task. The committee descriptions will be subject to change over time.

**Annual Congregational Meeting.** Pastor Naomi distributed an agenda for the meeting on July 23 at 11 am. Scott will call up the council members and then introduce the candidates. It is important for the Call Committee and Finance to give reports. The annual report will be available two weeks before the annual meeting. Child care will be available. The new council will meet immediately after the annual meeting.

**Adjournment.** Sarah moved and Paul seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

**Prayer.** Pastor Naomi lead us in the Lord’s Prayer.

Next meeting is July 23 after the annual meeting. Respectfully submitted, Jane Licht, Secretary