

MOUNTAIN VIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH • CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2011 • 6:30 P.M.
CHAPEL BASEMENT

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Michael Brauhn, Dave Cheney, Kevin Dahl, Dave Ekse, Neil Jerstad, Laura Livingston, Don Mott, Craig Murray, Nancy Nole, Bruce Sisco, Pastor John Vaswig, Julie Williams.

Staff: Troy Kehm-Goins.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-president Don Mott called the meeting to order. Craig lead devotions based upon “Transformational Lives” and Acts 3 (Saul’s conversion to Paul). The council prayed together.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Tuesday 13 September 2011 council meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Dave Cheney spoke regarding:

- Electronic statements from Key Bank will speed up the process of financial information being disseminated amongst council members.
- Finance sent out budget guidelines to ministry groups to help guide input to such.

It was M/S/P to review the finances of MVLC, using ELCA recommended guidelines, with Steve Ellison performing the review/audit, not to exceed \$3,000.

PASTOR’S REPORT

Pastor John spoke regarding:

- Wednesday Night Live (WNL) has been well-attended.
- Will be absent in early November for a continuing education opportunity.

- The Church Council signed up to lead WNL in January and February 2012, for seven sessions (from 01/04/12 through 02/15/12).
- New member class of ten, mostly non-Lutheran, participants.

STAFFING PRIORITIZATION

Staffing prioritization was discussed at length. Highlights included:

- Various staffing model proposals, including part-time and full-time options for (1) Administrator; (2) Associate Pastor; and (3) Rock Ministry Coordinator.
- There is only a difference of \$20,000 from the salary/benefits of our most recent two Associate Pastors (\$110,000).
- The key to Option 1 (full-time Administrator and full-time Associate Pastor) is a person with passion for The Rock Ministry. It is a narrow call, but also brings some sort of “structure” to such a call, allowing for ordained, theological supervision of The Rock Ministry.
- This staffing model parallels our congregation’s mission and vision of depth.

It was M/S/P to adopt the Option 1 staffing model proposal, which includes a full-time Administrator (with annual estimated salary/benefits of \$60,000) and a full-time Associate Pastor (with annual estimated salary/benefits of \$70,000).

ROCK MINISTRY

The Rock Ministry board had its initial meeting on Sunday (25 September 2011). Geoffrey Boers, Karen Ekse, Gretchen Johnsrud, Kevin Dahl, and Shannon Bruil were present. Christal Hillstead was absent.

Gretchen and Karen gave an update on their first month of employment in The Rock Ministry. Gretchen felt things going fairly well on the administrative side. Karen is feeling somewhat overwhelmed by the amount of curriculum work, especially in absence of a curriculum framework, which is what Pastor Jen formerly provided.

There was also some preliminary discussion concerning a need for a definition of what is Rock Ministry and what is not Rock Ministry. For example:

- What is Sunday school and what is Rock Ministry?
- Perhaps “Sunday school” is no longer a term we use at MVLC?
- Perhaps “teacher” is no longer used, but instead “mentor,” which is more relational?
- What about Vacation Bible School?
- Are there family retreats that include two-year-olds?

DATES IN LIFE TOGETHER

Consecration Sunday is Sunday 30 October 2011. The Congregational Meeting is Sunday 20 November 2011 in the Mountain View Community Center and will include lunch.

WNL COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE

Laura Livingston, Don Mott, Craig Murray, and Nancy Nole will serve as a Wednesday Night Live planning subcommittee, in regard to the church councils seven weeks of leading WNL in January and February 2011.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting is Tuesday 11 October 2011, 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel basement. Nancy Nole leads devotions.

ADJOURNMENT