



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday 17 May 2009 • 12:15 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
MINUTES

Attendance

127 confirmed members of Mountain View Lutheran Church.

Call to order

President Julie declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order. She read from the Letter to the Philippians, stated her thankfulness for the opportunity to be a leader of the congregation for the past five years, and led the congregation in prayer.

Announcements

Christal Hillstead spoke regarding the work of the Church Council and Design Teams on a new organizational structure that is better oriented to our congregation's vision statement, mission statement, and marks of discipleship. These leadership conversations and possible organizational structure changes revolve around (1) establishing opportunities to strengthen and focus upon relationships; (2) recognizing the God-given gifts of individual members and utilize those gifts for service; and (3) matching the ministries of Mountain View Lutheran Church to the principles that we espouse.

President Julie thanked Christal for her vision and leadership on this vital undertaking.

The Annual Report of the Congregation 2008 is available in hard copy at the Information Desk and online.

Approval of minutes

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Sunday 02 November 2008 congregational meeting.

MVLC, MVCC, and ECFB

Don Mott (representing the Church Council and the congregation of Mountain View Lutheran Church), Dave Weir (representing the Mountain View Community Center), and Diane Nelson (representing the Edgewood Community FISH Food Bank) presented a short skit about the relationships of MVLC, MVCC, and ECFB to one another.

Election of Nominating Committee

It was M/S/P to elect Christal Hillstead, Chuck Huber, and Julie Williams to the 2009-2010 Nominating Committee, to serve one-year terms.

Election of Mission Endowment Member

It was M/S/P to elect Jon Edmonds to the Mission Endowment Fund Committee, to serve a three-year term.

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Election of Church Council

It was M/S/P to elect Michael Brauhn, Ken Edmonds, Dallas Harwood, Laura Livingston, Don Mott, and Bruce Sisco to the 2009-2010 Church Council, to serve one-year terms.

2009 Spending Guidelines

Council member Michael Brauhn gave an historical rendering of our current spending guidelines, how we arrived at them, and our current financial struggles as a congregation. The congregation is \$30,000 behind the spending guidelines in actual giving to date, which would be \$50,000 behind if not for an anonymous one-time gift of \$22,000.

Our unfaithfulness in giving has consequences. The Church Council has wrestled with how to respond. It determined that the best course of action would be to implement spending guideline reductions. Areas that were to be “safe” from reduction were staff salaries, benevolence recipients, and basic programs that further the mission and ministry of MVLC.

The following reductions were finally agreed upon and recommended to the congregation:

Pastoral Support	7,500
Administration	18,500
Educational Ministry	3,250
Outreach	2,000
Peace & Justice	925
Worship & Music	4,250
Discipleship & Youth	1,000
Property*	24,700
TOTAL	\$62,125
Original 2009 Spending Guideline	\$998,258
Revised 2009 Spending Guideline	\$936,133
*Property items	
Unimproved Property Development	7,500
Unimproved Capital Improvement	7,500
Sanctuary Stained Glass Replacement	3,000
Fellowship Courtyard	2,700
Lighting	4,000
TOTAL PROPERTY REDUCTION	\$24,700

It was M/S/P by written ballot to reduce the 2009 Spending Guidelines, originally approved at \$998,258.00 by the amount of \$63,125.00 as recommended by the Church Council, which reestablishes the 2009 Spending Guidelines in the amount of \$936, 133.00.

(There were 87 “yes” votes for the motion and 29 “no” votes.)

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Thanksgiving

Pastor John thanked President Julie for her two years of service as Congregational President. He presented her with a plaque and Lutheran Study Bible (NRSV) on behalf of the entire congregation.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned after a benediction from Pastor John Vaswig.

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Kehm-Goins,
Recording Secretary

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