



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday 22 November 2009 • 12:15 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
MINUTES

Attendance

119 confirmed members of Mountain View Lutheran Church.

Call to order

President Michael declared a quorum present, called the meeting to order, and led the congregation in prayer.

Approval of minutes

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Sunday 17 May 2009 congregational meeting.

State of the Mission Endowment Fund

Jon Edmonds presented a report on the state of the Mission Endowment Fund (MEF). Highlights included:

- How to donate or bequest financial resources to the MEF.
- Long-term financing of mission and ministry at Mountain View Lutheran Church from MEF, both for outreach and “in-reach.”
- The most important piece of MEF—the allocation of grants (\$101,065) over the MEF’s life of operation and where those monies have gone.

2009 Spending Guidelines

President Michael Brauhn presented recommended Spending Guidelines for 2010 to the congregation.

2010 Proposed Spending Guidelines

Category	2010	2009	Change
Pastoral	274,823	272,945	1,878
Administration	137,442	131,657	5,785
Benevolence	166,520	174,695	(8,175)
Program	125,606	131,180	(5,574)
Property	168,321	147,981	20,340
Debt Service	77,675	77,675	n/a
TOTAL	950,387	936,133	14,254

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2010 Proposed Benevolence Recipients

\$28,900	Education
2,000	Luther Seminary
8,500	Lutheran Campus Ministries
5,400	Pacific Lutheran University
13,000	Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
\$28,520	Hunger
7,300	Edgewood Community Food Bank
4,450	Puyallup Valley Food Bank
5,750	FISH Food Banks of Pierce County
10,750	ELCA World Hunger
\$16,000	Housing
3,500	Exodus Housing
5,000	Habitat for Humanity
7,500	Helping Hand House
\$24,720	Holistic
1,000	MVLC Local Ministries
10,000	Mountain View Community Center
5,720	Associated Ministries
2,000	Living Stones Prison Congregation
2,000	Lutheran Community Services
4,000	Peace Community Center
\$28,650	Global Mission
5,000	Missionary Support—Matt Linden
3,000	China Partners Network
4,500	International Center of Bethlehem
9,000	Lutheran World Relief
1,000	Tacoma Seafarers
6,150	World Vision AIDS Programs
\$40,000	Synod
37,000	Southwestern Washington Synod
3,000	Holden Village
\$166,520	Total Benevolence

After a question-and-answer discussion concerning the proposed 2010 spending guidelines, it was M/S/P that the congregation of Mountain View Lutheran Church should adopt the 2010 Spending Guidelines in the amount of \$950,387.00. The final vote was 100 for approval and 16 for rejection.

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Election of 2010 SWWA Synod Assembly lay voting members

It was M/S/P to elect Ken Edmonds, Barrie Mott, Don Mott, Bruce Sisco, and Jan Sisco as lay voting members to the 2010 Assembly of the Southwestern Washington Synod.

Vision presentation

Council member Ken Edmonds presented a report on the vision work of the Church Council.

Highlights included:

- Trying to shift the focus from a “task-orientation” to one of a “relationship-orientation” that includes tasks being completed.
- Utilizing various congregational leaders, as well as a consultant, to try to discern how to implement such relationships within congregational life and ministry groups.
- The general overview of the plan—(1) focusing on relationships; (2) identifying spiritual gifts of members, and how they can best be used to serve within a relational model; (3) increasing the number of small groups within congregational life; (4) reviewing and revitalizing the overall structure of ministry groups; and (5) growing, mentoring, and supporting leadership.

Adjournment

It was M/S/P that the meeting be adjourned.

Prayer and benediction

Michael closed the meeting in prayer, which was followed by a benediction from Pastor John Vaswig.

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Kehm-Goins,
Recording Secretary

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