

MLC Governing Council Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2019

Present: Rosemary Butler, Lee Danielson, Dave Hartenberger, Pastor Doug Mathison, Steve McHenry, Kristi Adams, Carlo Bachechi, Ellen Dobson, and Debra Hoyt

Absent: Cassandra Osterloh

1. Steve called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. Pastor Doug led the opening devotion and prayer. Luke 19 28-40: gospel for Palm Sunday...missing are palms and 'Hosanna'
3. Approval of minutes from 3-12-2019: Moved: Dave; Seconded: Rosemary
4. Approval of Reports
  - a. 2019 Building and Grounds (Carlo): redid door in front (sanded and varnished); clean up weeks, windows are on the to-do list to order; pre-emergent weed will be next week; Steve will cover cost: \$180; 'no' to White Pine spraying;
    - i. Dave got a rain barrel and has put it in;
    - ii. Solar panel 'Meraki' info that goes to Chuck for exploration: Zero Down Solar; set up a meeting with Dave and group; need coordination for meeting time
    - iii. Dave is exploring furnace and heating replacement. PNM 'turn-off' in the afternoon for savings
    - iv. Gene said that the DRB electrician has not contacted him for an estimate: still in progress
    - v. 'Garden' in the back of the building: Brian/Chad are looking into doing this: raised beds to amend soil and get rid of the rocks: community vegetable garden. We would give the extras away; Problem: think about cost of water...need hands to help for getting it started
  - b. 2019 Treasurer (Ellen): We are a little short with expenses. Doing better this month;
    - i. 15% of Tony's salary would be taken away so that we could take out taxes; Steve will talk with him about this.
    - ii. Anthony's pay: we will now pay him for 10 hours/2 weeks without a time card.
    - iii. Credit card: Pastor Doug will have to go in and sign for the credit card. Ellen will give him instructions
  - c. 2019 Financial Secretary (Kristi): discrepancy from the treasurer's report. Did not understand about Choice Dollars...Dave explained. Kristi needs to find a category for this. Plus \$3000 that went into bank without going into office. Ellen and Kristi will work on this;
    - i. What about Lenten offerings? Council suggests: Luther House; Casa de Vida; Rainbow Trails; VBS scholarships; Pastor discretionary fund? Let's think about this
  - d. 2019 President (Steve): computer update; internet expense is 'way out of line'
    - i. Looking at Comcast prices and 'deals'
    - ii. Steve will check on this
    - iii. Hardware is good, but we need to clean up Pastor's computer
    - iv. Wall of crosses to the Narthex; crosses would come from the congregation
    - v. Basketball hoops on property: Insurance, if someone gets hurt

- vi. Lights in the parking lot; two of them are filled with water...maybe that's why they don't work
- e. Pastor Doug Report.
  - i. Dreams and Ideas report; see two hand-outs; Pastor Doug will send out these as an email and also some hard copies for service
  - ii. Men's group has already met
  - iii. 4 confirmands last week (Hauge family); they had an 'Inquiry Class' over on the Westside. Will have another one of these beginning in September
  - iv. New members: Cheryl Hilliard (coming back); Chad is getting paper work from his church in Minnesota; Dave's brother would also like to join (Ron Hartenberger). Welcome at Easter service!
  - v. Calendar:
    - 1. Holy Week (Palm Sunday); Maundy Thursday; Good Friday; Easter (2 services with brunch in between)
    - 2. Easter baskets: Rosemary is organizing this (about 10 baskets); need help; bring in candy for baskets
    - 3. Synod assembly: Rosemary, Pastor Doug and Steve will be our representatives
    - 4. Pastor/Mary May 9-13: visiting Austin; Dave H will be interim pastor
    - 5. Rosemary request: May 9-22 go to visit mom (Fallon, Nevada); need to cover office
    - 6. Luther House has a clean-up day (Saturday 9am-noon) April 27<sup>th</sup> We will put this in the bulletin
    - 7. Black Dog will have free shredding on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Dave will take it down to their site on Vassar
    - 8. VBS: dates; we will need volunteers; June 24-June 28<sup>th</sup> 9-2pm at St. Luke's; Rainbow Trail will also be there. Brochures will be available
  - f. Kristi moved to accept the reports en masse. Dave/Debra seconded the motion that was passed unanimously.
- 5. Review of Action Items
  - a. Chuck look into Solar
  - b. Dave will look into furnace replacement
  - c. Carlo: order windows for sanctuary
  - d. Steve will contact Comcast about internet/phone prices
  - e. Dave will talk to Gordon about insurance
  - f. Pastor will send out reports
  - g. Kristi/Ellen meeting about discrepancy
  - h. Check schedule about subbing for Rosemary (Lee and Kristi)
- 6. Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.
- 7. Closing prayer.