MLC Governing Council Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2019

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

Visitor: Ron Kulju

Absent: Cassandra Osterloh, Ellen Dobson

1. Steve called the meeting to order at 6:35p.m.
2. Pastor Doug led the opening devotion and prayer.
3. Approval of minutes from 5/14/2019: Moved: Kristi; Seconded: Carlo; passed unanimously
4. Reports:
   1. Ron: quotes for air conditioning
      1. Dave and Ron did this together with different contractors and received quotes;
      2. Jay Harper (Rheem): 2 units: approximately 35$ K; buy directly from the manufacturer; why? Unsure of the reason. We would get the contractor discount but he wants us to buy direct
      3. Floyd Aragon (Trane or Rheem): 2 units approximately 41$ K
      4. 2 units are for the sanctuary and the Sunday School wing (one for each)
      5. Bids are good for 30 days. Floyd was much more responsive than Jay in terms of getting bid.
      6. Carlo will talk with Denny Nespolo about a 20 Ton unit instead of the 10 that he quoted…attic not rooftop
      7. Suggestion from Steve: take to congregation for help with the finances: SOON! Meeting with congregation has been called
      8. Motion to get this going: Kristi; Rosemary seconded to get the congregation input on July 14th; unanimously passed
   2. 2019 Treasurer (Ellen): not in attendance
      1. We are finally in the black for this month
      2. Kristi and Ellen are in agreement for this month
      3. Make check out for Chad for subbing for Tony by Sunday: approval for early payment on Sunday; moved by Rosemary; Debra seconded; passed unanimously
   3. 2019 Building and Grounds (Carlo):
      1. Windows will be top priority
      2. AC change will also be done
      3. Tar cost available for parking lot. Let the congregation know about helping with filling in the holes
      4. Plus need a new toilet seat in the women’s loo
   4. 2019 Financial Secretary (Kristi): in agreement with Ellen
   5. 2019 President (Steve):
      1. Brian has a computer list of things to do…he will get to it when he has some time
      2. Cross Wall: need samples (Lee): Sorry, this has not been done.
      3. Giving: we are about 3000$ short for the year… let us know about ideas to raise more or recruit new members
      4. Contract time is coming up:
         1. Proposal is to keep 20$/hour but up the hours to 25 hours instead of 20/week; this shows Synod that we are going in a forward manner for Pastor Doug or whoever comes in to cover congregational care
         2. 1 year contract to 2 year contract
         3. Motion to approve: Carlo and second Rosemary; unanimously passed; we can delay this until after the AC money has been decided
   6. Pastor Doug Report.
      1. Storage sites for the Swap meet: 15-45 dollars/month for rental for 2 months; Swap meet will not be done this fall but wait until next year.
   7. Approval of collectively reports: Rosemary moved; Kristi second; passed unanimously
5. Old Business/old action items:
   1. Ron: air conditioning quotes
   2. Lighting proposal: Dave:
      1. Project lighting total cost: parking lot is 3720$; PNM incentive 1269$; Messiah members: 650$ for a net of 1623$;
      2. Will Rising Sun donate? Need to ask them;
      3. Annual savings of 758$ Payback period about 2 years;
      4. 3 weeks to get this going
      5. Carlo made a motion to go forward with this and Kristi seconded; approved by council
   3. Church insurance: Dave H.
      1. Changes: pillar and cross 397$ for a bell tower
      2. Hired/non-owned auto liability Insurance: 107$; we don’t have any of these
      3. Higher deductible: 172$ going to 2500$ instead of 1000$ deductible; are we willing to take the risk with the population of litigation in this time?
      4. Making 1X payment in October instead of installments: 30$ savings
      5. Total of 706$ in savings by eliminating the above
      6. Current cost 3800$ minus the 706$: total of 3094$
      7. Council suggestions: modify insurance: take off cross; take off auto liability; (not iii) and make one-time payment; Dave will take care of this
   4. Solar for the church is a moot point at this time; the company was contacted and they are not interested in putting these units due to our tax status as a non-profit
   5. Security for services: APD has been contacted
   6. Windows have been ordered but still not here
   7. Feedback on Dreams and Ideas Meeting? Need to wait until Pastor Sara is back
   8. Shepherd Staff update: Kristi; updated and now we need to print report to see the results.
6. New Business:
   1. ½ year financial reports: financial secretary/Shepherds staff /treasurer will put this together
7. Review of New Action Items:
   1. Dave will get approved changes done in insurance going
   2. Dave will get the lighting going
   3. Steve/Pastor Doug will prep a spiel to the congregation about the heating/air conditioning; get this into newsletter; 14th of July congregational meeting following worship service in the fellowship hall
   4. Carlo: new toilet seat; window, AC change and parking lot
   5. Contract for Pastor needs to be put in writing and figure out when it will go into effect
   6. Pastor will talk to Baca’s about storage unit
   7. ½ year reports: Kristi/Ellen will figure this out
8. Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.
9. Closing prayer.