

MLC Governing Council Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 2017

Present: Barbara Bachechi, Carlo Bachechi, Lee Danielson, Ellen Dobson, Dave Hartenberger, Pastor Doug Mathison, Brian Osterloh, Cassandra Osterloh

1. Brian called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.
2. Pastor Doug led the opening devotion and prayer.
3. Barbara moved to approve the July minutes. Lee seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.
4. Approval of Reports
  - a. Pastor Doug:

Ellen and Doug have been working on the 2016 ELCA Congregational Report. Cassandra moved to pledge \$1500 for 2017 to the RMS. Dave seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Pastor Doug discussed his idea for congregational member interviews. Pastor Vangie and Pastor Doug will be meeting every other week for the foreseeable future.

Thermostat: 7-day programmable. Pastor Doug suggested getting a new, user-friendly thermostat. Pastor Doug took a look at several and talked with someone regarding a new thermostat and brought forward ideas.

Pastor Doug talked about a possible potluck on September 10 (Rally Day) and invite RSCC.
  - b. Treasurer: Report submitted. Ellen has cleaned and organized the financial room.
  - c. Building and Grounds: Carlo took care of repairing and changing out locks.
  - d. Financial Secretary: report submitted.
  - e. President: We thank all those parishes and people outside our church who have been praying for Messiah. We are alive and continue to move forward.
  - f. Cassandra moved to pass the reports en masse. Lee seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.
5. Old Business
  - a. Inter-congregation collaboration. Pastor Doug and Cassandra will get together and gather a few others to put together the responses.
  - b. Moving forward
    - i. Increase Pastor's hours. Discussed increasing Pastor Doug's hours from 10 to 20 hours a week. Barbara moved to increase Pastor Doug's hours to 20 hours per week. Lee seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.
    - ii. Discussion of computers needing updates. Brian will work on.
6. New Business
  - a. Signature authority. Do we need to add someone new since Al is no longer available to do so? We will wait at this point. Also, Lee and Cassandra will work with Ellen on learning counting procedures.
  - b. Rally Day – September 10. Shortened service. Brunch following our service and preceding RSCC service. Pastor Doug will invite RSCC.

- c. Blessing of the Animals. How do we want to proceed? We will have the blessing during the service and people can bring photos and/or call out names.
  - d. Partial payment to Luther House. Obligation from last year's offerings we were to give (about \$1100). Ellen made a motion that we will prorate our promise to Luther House to be paid monthly until the end of the year. Dave seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.
7. Review of Action Items
- a. Carlo will work on getting a new thermostat. Purchase and install.
  - b. Brian will work on updating and going through computers.
  - c. Ellen will begin getting pledge checks sent to the RMS.
  - d. Ellen will work on getting the money set and sent to Luther House.
  - e. Pastor Doug will get with Lee and Dave regarding the Rally Day potluck after his meeting with Pastor Vangie.
8. Brian adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.
9. Closing prayer.