

MLC Governing Council Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2017

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

Guest: Debra Hoyt

1. Brian called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. Pastor Doug led the opening devotion and prayer.
3. Lee moved to approve the September minutes. Barbara seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.
4. Approval of Reports
 - a. Pastor Doug: Activity report. Calendar items (Galatians bible study starting 10/11, W-ELCA meeting 10/14, Thankoffering Sunday – 10/15). Discussion to give a gift of flowers and card to RSCC to congratulate them on their 5th anniversary (10/15). Report on Trunk or Treat from Debra Hoyt (10/30). Debra is also working with RSCC to help out on the Trunk or Treat event. Pastor will work with Pastor Vangie on coordinating Christmas Eve's services. Christmas Day service. All Saints' Sunday celebration on November 5. Tony is working on a special service (music) for November 12 (Veterans' Day). "Thirteenth month Sunday" – November 12? Lee moved to designate November 12 as the "Thirteenth Month" this year. Barbara seconded the motion which was passed unanimously. Discussion on what will be done with money raised. Cassandra moved to donate 50% of money raised on "Thirteenth Month" to charitable gifts to families in need and 50% to building and maintenance. Lee seconded the motion which was passed unanimously. Giving tree being put on November 27. Hanging of the Greens on December 2 at 9 a.m.
 - b. Treasurer: Report submitted.
 - c. Building and Grounds: Not much trash around. Things are getting cleaned up well from volunteers. Had to put on a new roof for the shed due to a leak. Working on the driveway and sidewalk. Plum tree has bug worms. Carlo has been working on getting rid of them.
 - d. Financial Secretary: Report submitted.
 - e. President: Had a discussion with John Adolphi (President, Luther House Board).
 - f. Cassandra moved to pass the reports en masse. Lee seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.
5. Old Business
 - a. Moving Forward
 - i. Provide paid leave for Pastor Doug. A week of paid hours and a Sunday off once of every 4 months. This would be a great way to thank Pastor Doug for his help and work. This would also help us to think in a forward motion. Dave moved that we give Pastor Doug a week of paid hours and a Sunday off (with a supply pastor at MLC) every 3 months. Lee seconded the motion which was passed unanimously. January will be the first month to have the time off.

- ii. Discussion with Luther House board member regarding sharing a pastor.
Looking at different models for ministry, pastor, students, resources, etc.
 - b. Nominations Committee for 2018 Council.
- 6. New Business
- 7. Review of Action Items
 - a. Cassandra will work on the November 12 activities (letter, communication, potluck).
 - b. Ellen will contact Tomasita Elementary School to see about getting a family for our Giving Tree.
 - c. Cassandra and Pastor Doug will discuss “resurrecting” the gingerbread house competition.
 - d. Brian will continue conversations with John Adolphi, Luther House.
 - e. Pastor Doug and Lee will work with Shirley to get keys in order.
- 8. Brian adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.
- 9. Closing prayer.