

MLC Governing Council Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2017

Present: Carlo Bachechi, Lee Danielson, Dave Hartenberger, Ron Kulju, Pastor Doug Mathison, Brian Osterloh, Cassandra Osterloh

1. Brian called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.
2. Pastor Doug led the opening devotion and prayer. Season of Advent, transitioning into and anticipation of Christmas.
3. Lee moved to approve the November minutes. Dave seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.
4. Approval of Reports
 - a. Pastor Doug: Report submitted.
 - i. RSCC, Saturday, March 3, 10-4. Ordination of Deacons. Annual Meeting on January 28. They will not have fellowship/kitchen use during our meeting time on January 21.
 - ii. Pastor Doug requested to be out December 18-20, 2017 (wedding anniversary). Dave will be available for any pastoral care needed. Pastor Doug also requested March 22-25, 2018 (daughter's wedding in Ruidoso). We will need a supply pastor for Palm Sunday.
 - iii. Getting items ready for parochial report.
 - iv. Lee will be asking for committee reports this week to get them ready for our annual meeting.
 - v. The contacts and such for our Giving Tree fell through. As it so happened, a woman from APS, Peggy Jugmahansingh, Community School Coordinator (Kennedy Middle School), happened to come by to ask about food, and we were able to give her food for backpacks, including hams, bread, and cheese. These will go to 10 families to take home on December 15, who will not have food for the Winter Holiday. Thank you to Betty Hauge for helping bag up the food and helping Ms. Jugmahansingh take food over to the school.
 - vi. We were also able to help a family and their neighbors – providing Thanksgiving Dinner.
 - b. Treasurer: Report submitted. 13th month donations = \$6105 (half for families in need, half for facility maintenance).
 - c. Building and Grounds: Carlo has been keeping things cleaned up. Furnace work. Its working fine now. Attic space – closed an open space that was pulling hot air from the sanctuary up to the attic. Brian bought some LED bulbs to replace bulbs as they go out.
 - d. Financial Secretary: Barbara is doing okay. Her chemo treatments are tough but she is in good spirits.
 - e. President: “Messiah is valuable.”
 - f. Cassandra moved to pass the reports en masse. Ron seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

5. Old Business
 - a. Nominations for 2018 Council. Dave and Cassandra will finalize names and positions for the upcoming annual meeting.
 - b. Furnace. We will not to get quotes because the furnace was able to be fixed with no problems.
 - c. Secretary. Personnel discussion for hiring of new person in Administrative Assistant (Secretary) position. Ron moved to hire Stephanie Brown as Administrative Assistant. Lee seconded the motion which was passed unanimously. Stephanie will work 10 hours a week, Tuesday – Thursday; \$15 per hour; no benefits or paid time off; we, as a Council, can look at possible incentives as go forward; also discretionary number of extra hours for special times (Holy Week, funerals, etc.) with the Pastor, and the Pastor will update the Council. (Lee, Kristi, and Pastor Doug met with Stephanie. Lee and Kristi talked with references provided – very good.)
 - d. Constitution Updates. Pastor Doug and Dave will look at the Mutual Ministry portion. The Mutual Ministry section will be tabled (of proposed changes). Ron moved to submit the Council’s recommendations of proposed constitution changes to the congregation. Carlo seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.
 - e. 2018 Budget.
6. New Business
7. Review of Action Items
 - a. Dave and Cassandra will finalize names and positions for nominations for the upcoming annual meeting.
 - b. Pastor Doug and Dave will meet to go over the section on Mutual Ministry of the Constitution.
 - c. Cassandra will work on getting the information on Annual Meeting and the constitutional proposed changes to the congregation.
 - d. Lee will work on contract for Stephanie Brown. Lee will send out to Council to look over and okay.
 - e. Lee will send out agenda and request for reports for the Annual Meeting.
8. Brian adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.
9. Closing prayer.