

MLC Governing Council Meeting Minutes  
October 11, 2016

Present: Barbara Bachechi, Carlo Bachechi, Ellen Dobson, Pastor Chris Heller, Cassandra Osterloh, Jean Paananen, Orman Paananen, Susan Utegg

1. Susan called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.
2. Prayer Concerns
3. Blessing by Pastor Chris
4. Orman moved to approve the agenda. Ellen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
5. Jean moved to approve the August minutes. Orman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
6. Old Business
  - i. Lifetouch Photo Directory – Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, second date – done
  - ii. Rally Day – JUG band available – done, did not attend/play
  - iii. Weekend Retreat, place set – waiting until early 2017 to have a joint retreat date of old and new council members
  - iv. Blessing of the pets – first Sunday in October – done
  - v. Progress of sign-when cut asphalt – asphalt and base done. Sign to arrive October 12. Frame needs to be painted.
  - vi. Space sharing-any interest – Pastor Chris has spoken with a few Pastors and has not really gotten any interest.
7. New Business
  - i. Portico Primary Contribution going up 5%.  
Current = \$1582.23 per month. 2017 family and 5% increase = \$1917.28 per month. Further research is asked of Council members and the Council will have another meeting before the end of October.
  - ii. Medicare Primary Contributions going up 7.5% - does not apply
  - iii. Portico Election for 2016 - Further research is asked of Council members and the Council will have another meeting before the end of October.
  - iv. Trunk or Treat – currently October 28, 6p-8p. Move to Thursday, October 27, 6p-8p, because Tomasita Elementary School is having their fall festival at the same time on October 28.
  - v. Adopt a family – Christmas, Tomasita Elementary School
  - vi. Interim Pastoral Associate – consistent care for MLC. Pastor Chris spoke with Pastor Pat Holman, who agreed to cover the Sundays that we do not have a supply pastor already, including pastoral care. Cost per Sunday for a supply pastor is \$225. Ellen moved that we contract with Pastor Pat Holman as Interim Pastoral Associate to cover Sundays not already set during Pastor Chris' paternal leave including mileage coverage. Jean seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.
8. Approval of Reports
  - a. Treasurer (Ellen) – report received.
  - b. Building and Grounds (Carlo) – weeds, sign, clean up.
  - c. Congregational Care (Jean) – no report submitted.

- d. Youth Education (Pastor) – no report submitted.
  - e. Stewardship (Dave/Lee) – no report submitted.
  - f. Fellowship (Orman) – no report submitted.
  - g. Worship and Music (Lee/Dave) – received re: altar care.
  - h. Mutual Ministry (Dave) – no report submitted.
  - i. Memorial (Dotty Dahl) – no report submitted.
  - j. Financial Secretary (Barbara) – received.
  - k. MLCW (Hazel Mella) – no report submitted.
  - l. Pastor (Pastor Chris) – report received.
  - m. President (Susan) – no report submitted.
- Carlo moved to accept the reports en masse. Jean seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.
- 9. Review of action items/assignments
    - a. Susan will call a special meeting regarding benefits for pastor before the end of October.
    - b. Orman, Jean, and Ellen will check on possible new banks/credit unions.
  - 10. Carlo moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.
  - 11. Closing prayer