

MLC Governing Council Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2019

Present: Lee Danielson, Pastor Doug Mathison, Steve McHenry, Kristi Adams, Cassandra Osterloh, Ellen Dobson, and Debra Hoyt

Visitor: Gene Dorsey

Absent: Dave Hartenberger, Rosemary Butler, Carlo Bachechi

1. Steve called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Pastor Doug led the opening devotion and prayer.
3. Approval of minutes from 4/19/2019: Moved: Kristi; Seconded: Steve; passed unanimously
4. Reports:
 - a. 2019 Building and Grounds (Carlo): Not in attendance
 - i. Weeds have been sprayed by Gene Aldredge
 - ii. Windows ordered but not here
 - iii. Water Barrel is working well: no water in the breezeway
 - iv. Second coat of stain on door: Carlo will do third this week
 - b. Gene Dorsey: lighting update; PNM audit; he picked a contractor for the audit and the contractor has not followed up; a 2nd contractor was here today and will get the report to Gene by this Friday. Outside lighting: high pressure sodium (orange cast), PNM will replace them with LED (don't need ballasts) called 'corncoobs' by replacing the heads but not the poles. Poles will be cleaned up and painted
 - c. 2019 Treasurer (Ellen): We are a little short with expenses. Doing better this month;
 - i. Solution: Need new members
 - ii. Need for all to 'up' giving...give from heart and listen to God
 - iii. Carlo will continue on credit card and add Pastor Doug
 - iv. **Ellen Dobson and Steve McHenry will become administrators for the on-line account**
 - v. **We will remove Susan Utegg and Jean Paananem**
 - vi. **Motion to accept: Kristi Adams; Second: Cassandra; passed unanimously**
 - d. 2019 Financial Secretary (Kristi): off by 37 cents: she know where this is; she will fix this by next meeting
 - e. 2019 President (Steve):
 - i. Brian has a computer list of things to do....he will get to it when he has some time
 - ii. Century Link update: Steve has renegotiated the contract and saved us about \$50/month
 - iii. Insurance has classified the cross out front as a bell tower...it is not and this would be a savings on the insurance rate when we get it reclassified...lots of money
 - iv. Key to counting room discussed
 - v. Cross Wall...paint wall and bring in crosses (the wall that has the shell picture on it); donate crosses...have a little description of the cross (who donated it and where it came from)...permanent donation will be asked in order for the member to remain part of the congregation even if they leave!
 - vi. Contract time is coming up: put together a review (plus a self-evaluation) for every year; has not happened in the past because of the logistics of who does the evaluation and who discusses these evaluations with the employees. Steve will take this under consideration

- f. Pastor Doug Report.
 - i. Grounds report see above
 - ii. Men's bible study has met three times; collecting offering...will be given as special offering to Ellen
 - iii. Report on Synod assembly; new problems with the decreasing interest in church attendance; Messiah is actually a model of the 'new normal'. Lots of interest by Synod in how we are handling these problems
 - iv. Update on VBS: need more volunteers; plans are coming along: June 24th to June 28th: 9am to 2pm except on Friday; Hauge boys will help
 - v. Swap meet this year? Storage on the Lomas near McDonald's; advertising? in June...council is behind this project again; Pastor will find out the price of the storage unit
 - vi. Drum set from Rising Sun...Pastor will talk to Vangie about size and storage of the set behind the piano...or where ever in the sanctuary or back Sunday School rooms
 - vii. Lenten offerings designation: half to Pastor's discretionary fund and half to Luther House: motion: Lee; second: Kristie; Unanimously approved
- g. Calendar:
 - 1. Memorial Day: Tony will take care of this
 - 2. Pentecost: June 9th, need pot and petunias and dirt from Colorado
 - 3. June 16th: Dad's day: potluck and women will sing
 - 4. July 7th: July 4th celebration: like last year: BBQ and apple pie bake-off
- h. Approval of collectively reports: Ellen moved; Debra second; passed unanimously
- 5. New Business:
 - a. Security during services: contact person from APD...someone will come out and talk with us; email him with some dates for a time to do this
 - b. Idea of a garden in the back: need some volunteers for this project: need water; second rain barrel; Dave has railroad ties for a raised bed; put the idea out to the congregation and ask for volunteers; Tetreault's?
- 6. Review of New Action Items:
 - a. Ellen will put together a list of all of the records that needs to be changed when her stint as treasurer ends in January
 - b. Update of Shepherd's staff to count all giving-persons: Kristi will help Rosemary and Doug to update; contact Shepherd's staff (on Academy and Truchas)
 - c. Key for counting room will go on a magnetic holder and go into the file cabinet in Rosemary's office (or back of cash box) when Doug is not here; Steve will bring in a holder. We have hung the extra key in the cabinet next to left of the cash box on a nail.
 - d. Need help with putting together an evaluation for the contracts: Steve and ???
 - e. Lee will bring paint swatches and congregation will decide on a color for the cross wall
 - f. Pastor will check out storage unit pricing and check with Pat Baca about time for this summer
- 7. Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.
- 8. Closing prayer.