

MLC Governing Council Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2019

Present: Lee Danielson, Pastor Doug Mathison, Dave Hartenberger, Debra Hoyt, Ellen Dobson

Absent: Kristi, Cassandra, Rosemary, Steve

Dave Hartenberger called the meeting to order at 6:35p.m.

Pastor Doug led the opening devotion and prayer.

Approval of minutes from 6/13/2019: Moved: Ellen; Seconded: Debra; passed unanimously

1. Reports:

Rising Sun Contract was cleaned up and signed

Rosemary's contract is still under review; paid holidays will be worked on the Monday of the week of holiday;

Copy of all contracts need to be sent to Ellen

Carlo will come off workman's comp

2. 2019 Treasurer (Ellen):

Kristi and Ellen are in agreement for last month (July) but not this month (August)

- Will work on this
- Need to work on Ellen's replacement so that someone can be up and running by January

3. 2019 Building and Grounds (Carlo) (not in attendance):

- Pastor's report will cover this

4. 2019 Financial Secretary (Kristi): (not in attendance)

5. 2019 President (Steve):

- Pastor needs a new laptop for travel and work; Motion to have the church look into supplying one for pastor. (Lee made the motion): Steve has the action item of finding a new computer and using church funds; Ellen seconded; passed unanimously
- Cross Wall; keep mentioning this to congregation and figure out color and time to do this; action item to Lee to tally color choices and get the wall painted by next month
- Ellen explained the shortage we have this month but mentioned that we are better off than what it seems because of the three pay periods in August

6. Contracts are taken care of: Pastor/Cassandra

7. Need some signage for 'no trespassing' on the church grounds. The intent is to have some recourse for the aggressive homeless and to be able to call police

- 'Church property: no loitering please' verbiage mentioned by pastor
- Or: if you need help call 311 (city sign)
- Carlo has picked up some 'human' waste in the past
- Need to follow up the sign verbiage with a full council (Dave's recommendation)

8. Dave talked about a designated fund for the HVAC using RSCC seed money (approximately 15,000\$). Need to begin this fund and let congregation know that this is now operational... for them to contribute to.

- In case of emergency purposes, we can use this fund money on the condition that we contact congregational donators who have given to present them the choice of going with the emergency or keeping it for the HVAC (like memorial fund donations)
- Motion: Lee; Ellen seconded; need to write out this choice and put it in the next newsletter; discussion; Ellen thinks we need a separate account; money needs to earn interest to satisfy the congregation (money market fund)
- Motion: start a fund with a certain amount of money; look into the safest and best amount of interest earned (Dave financial advisor; Ellen will ask bank)

9. Pastor Doug Report.

- a. Property
 - i. Broken window and exit light need to be looked into
 - ii. Lighting is done but the company charged us 3 three replacement photocells that were not working when originally installed: Pastor will look into this
 - iii. Fellowship swamp cooler still not functioning
 - iv. Laptop for Pastor discussed above
 - v. Designated fund for HVAC also discussed above
- b. Calendar discussed
 - i. Annual meeting:
 - 1. Usually 3rd Sunday in January: January 19th 2020; motion to include this in the newsletter (Dave; Second: Lee)
 - 2. Budget planning should be started by November: ask Brian for a good will donation of time and energy to begin the process for us
 - 3. Nominating committee: 3 people coming off council would be a good start for this committee
 - ii. Financial
 - 1. 1/2 year report to members (Kristi action item) need to be sent to the members
 - 2. 13 month Sunday again in November was decided on and the money should go evenly to: HVAC fund and to people in need
 - iii. Youth:
 - 1. Confirmation East: September 15, 22, 29 2019
 - 2. National ELCA Youth gathering in Minneapolis: 6/29-7/3, 2021: Hauge boys would like to attend
 - 3. Had one family for youth cook-out at Pastor's home
 - iv. RSCC
 - 1. Started 9/1 to provide childcare in East Sunday school room (they will pay for a person from our parish to watch kids) Need to clean up this room
 - 2. 9/21: Annual RSCC picnic at Haines Park; we are invited
 - 3. 9/29: 'love offering' for HVAC fund
 - 4. 10/6: parking lot rummage sale: pastor will ask whether Messiah will be donating items: Betty H has a 4-wheeler and Dave H. has a bike to give to sale
 - 5. 11/5: wedding
 - v. Other items:
 - 1. Insurance (workman's comp) adjusted due to Carlo not longer permanently employed
 - 2. Contracts for personnel: Rosemary discussed
 - 3. Thrivent Action: provide samplers: taste to see what you would like to support
 - vi. Approval of collectively reports: moved; Ellen; Debra second; passed unanimously

10. Review of Action items:

- a. Steve will look into new computer for Pastor
- b. Lee will organized the church wall painting
- c. Pastor will look into the bill for the electrical replacements a (\$366) that we should not have to pay for
- d. Put together proposal for the HVAC fund (Dave will ask financial advisor; Ellen will ask bank about money market and interest for this proposal)

- e. Kristi and Pastor will work on ½ year financial reports

11. New Business:

- a. Signage for the church property
- b. Tree removal by Hartenberger's tree man
- c. Art for the church (Chad); living water sculpture; grape vine arbor
- d. Rich Neely has asked us as a church group to help with (Family Promise) volunteers for the St. Paul Methodist church (partners); 9500 Constitution and Moon; volunteers for stay the night and organize the families; get kids to events and school etc. Bring this up to the congregation
- e. Additional volunteer opportunity: Kennedy Middle School (28th of September from 8:15 to noon); Roadrunner Food Bank will help with distribution; one Saturday a month
- f. Homework Diner at Kennedy (Parents I Council) 18th of September (Wednesday) is the first one; trial balloon by new principle

12. Dave adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

13. Closing prayer.