

MLC Governing Council Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2016

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

1. Susan called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
2. Prayer Concerns
3. Blessing by Pastor Chris
4. Orman moved to approve the agenda with the following additions. Jean seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.
 - a. Old business: Portico election by Council.
 - b. Old business: Adopt a family.
 - c. New business: Budget Committee.
 - d. New business: Anna May Currier.
 - e. New business: Nomination Committee.
5. Ellen moved to approve the October minutes. Barbara seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.
6. Old Business
 - i. New bank: SLFCU, First Financial, Rio Grande – checked on these and all will do non-profit, but the State of NM is showing something that needs to be fixed before we can move on.
 - ii. Ellen is still working with her school to get a family for the Adopt a Family for Christmas.
 - iii. Portico election by Council: Council passed at an earlier meeting, without Pastor Chris present, to continue paying the Gold+ health insurance for Pastor and Spouse as we have been doing and was agreed upon during negotiations at the initial call.
7. New Business
 - i. Budget Committee: President, VP, Treasurer, Pastor, a few members of the congregation.
 - ii. Anna May Currier: memorial funds for sign discrepancy on approvals.
 - iii. Nomination Committee: Up for election - Secretary, Financial Secretary, President-Elect (2 year – 1 as President-Elect and 1 as President), President (1 year), and 1 Member-at-Large.
8. Approval of Reports
 - a. Treasurer (Ellen) – report submitted.
 - b. Building and Grounds (Carlo) – sign is done! Thank you to the Bachechis for all their extra work on the sign. Chuck is looking into getting lights for the sign.
 - c. Congregational Care (Jean) – no report submitted.
 - d. Youth Education (Pastor) – no report submitted.
 - e. Stewardship (Dave/Lee) – Dave talked about a book he was given, Engaging Stewardship by Lane and Pomroy, and how we as a Council and congregation can move forward. How are we thinking about our time and talents?
 - f. Fellowship (Orman) – no report submitted.
 - g. Worship and Music (Lee/Dave) – no report submitted.

- h. Mutual Ministry (Dave) – Andy, Marion, Dave, and Pastor meeting.
 - i. Memorial (Dotty Dahl) – no report submitted.
 - j. Financial Secretary (Barbara) – report submitted.
 - k. MLCW (Hazel) – no report submitted.
 - l. Pastor (Pastor Chris) – report submitted.
 - m. President (Susan) – no report submitted.
Carlo moved to approve the reports en masse. Lee seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.
9. Review of action items/assignments
- a. Susan: check with the State of NM church's standing.
 - b. Jean will talk with Anna May Currier. Pastor Chris will follow up.
 - c. Susan will talk with Dotty to get Memorial process written down.
 - d. Everyone will ask for Budget and Nomination Committee members.
 - e. Pastor Chris – contact Hazel to get MLCW reports to Council.
 - f. Ellen will get monthly income/expense reports from 2015 to Pastor Chris.
 - g. Susan will report to congregation regarding current financial situation.
 - h. Pastor Chris will talk with Shirley about putting supply lists into newsletters (changing things up each month).
 - i. Pastor Chris update and change up PowerPoint presentation that shows before services and will work with Barbara on her doing the PPT.
10. Jean moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.
11. Closing prayer