

MLC Governing Council Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2017

Present: Carlo Bachechi, Al Burmeister, Ellen Dobson, Dave Hartenberger, Ron Kulju, Brian Osterloh, Cassandra Osterloh

1. The meeting was called to order by Brian at 6:31 p.m.
2. Opening prayer by Dave.
3. Ron moved to approve the March 12 and March 14 minutes.
4. Approval of Reports
 - a. Treasurer – report submitted.
 - b. Building and Grounds – working on the weeds, water heater, and lighting.
 - c. Financial Secretary – report submitted.
 - d. President – we have a lot of things we’re looking forward on.
 - e. Ron moved to approve the reports en masse. Dave seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.
5. Old Business
 - a. Pledge Program
 - b. Moving forward
 - i. Supply Pastor(s) – would like to have a supply pastor with the addition of pastoral care as well as home visits. Steve McHenry has offered to help with home visits and pastoral care.
 - ii. Interim Pastor – Synod would like us to wait until the end of June.
 - iii. Feedback on combined service – positive comments. It was suggested by several to have the offering plate not passed around but by the font for people to place offerings there and then taken forward with the other gifts. Assisting minister recruitment.
 - iv. Outreach to members who have left – several families and individuals have offered to help reach out and will do so.
 - v. Prayer Chain – Ron moved to reinstate the prayer chain. Al seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.
 - vi. Clarify signature authority – Cassandra moved to authorize Ellen Dobson to remove Pastor Christopher Heller from the bank credit card account. Carlo seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.
6. New Business
 - a. Easter breakfast. Herb Biermann has donated a spiral ham for Easter breakfast. What should we do with the 6lbs of bacon left over from last Easter? Carlo will take it to Noon Day Ministries.
 - b. Church directory. Ron is finishing up the directory. He will ask for more pictures from the congregation.
 - c. School backpacks food drive for the 5th Sunday. (April 30)
 - d. Cuidando los Niños outreach opportunity.
 - e. Homeless Bags. Let’s try and put them together on an upcoming Sunday.
7. Review of Action Items
 - a. Ellen will contact the bank regarding removal of Pastor Chris on credit card.
 - b. Ellen will contact the website company to change the credit card number.

- c. Brian will talk with Irene regarding reinstating the prayer chain.
 - d. Cassandra will continue working on getting supply pastor through the end of May.
 - e. Carlo will take the leftover bacon to Noon Day Ministries.
 - f. Brian will let Hazel (MLCW) know about the food collection, and he will announce the 5th Sunday food giving to the congregation. New 5th Sunday tradition of service.
 - g. Cassandra will bring the food list as well as baskets in for food to be collected. She will also compose an email list to send out to the congregation.
 - h. Ellen will check with the counselor at Tomasita Elementary School regarding food drive.
 - i. Offering plate – Brian will talk with Tony regarding change of order of service beginning April 23.
- 8. Brian moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.
 - 9. Closing prayer.