

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:02.

Bruce Behnke led opening devotion. *Wisdom is Supreme—Proverbs 4*
(Darren McDougal is next)

In attendance: Chuck Adrian, John Schoenwalder, Pastor Brad Snyder, Dave Winther, Bruce Behnke, Darren McDougal, and Cameron Teske
Jim Miles was excused.

Minutes from the May Council Meeting were approved with a question.

Question on trash/disposal pick-up for Mt. Olive. Nothing is free or included from village. Mt. Olive is a business so there would be a charge.

Cameron Teske was appointed as Secretary.

The following reports were presented and accepted
Pastor Snyder

- Recommendation: Tuition assistance plan for members who decide to pursue full-time ministry at Martin Luther College. MLC offers a scholarship-matching program up to a certain dollar amount.
- Recommendation: Create a Teen Room. Three Sunday School classes but have four classrooms.
- Needs fixing: Lights go out in the sanctuary. Steeple light is also out. Check exterior up-lights around church.
- Furniture Recommendation:
 - Teen Room.
 - Comfortable sitting area in fellowship area where long conference table is currently located but is rarely, if ever, used.
- 2020 Vision
 - “We’re far too blessed to maintain status quo.”
 - Offered three-phase plan (including a calling of second pastor)
 - Long-Term Goals
 - Responses:
 - How do we propose this to the congregation? Will they be supportive...excited...passionate...?
 - Mt. Olive facelift (expanding narthex) vs 2020 Vision....both?
 - Have talked about Mt. Olive-Suamico building updates for last 18 months. Will changing paths now burst some bubbles and cause frustration with “broken promises”?
 - Might lose some support from congregation. If we can’t fix some things at Mt. Olive, which has needed work done for 20 years, how can we start a **new** building project?

- Chuck thinks this can start to be talked about in the congregation. Get some buzz going. Go to the “First Summit” names and get that group together again to officially brainstorm. Small group, organized. *Cottage meetings.*
- Pastor- “This plan isn’t detailed for a reason. Let the second pastor create detailed plans and goals.”
- Need to get a group together to flesh out even greater details—finances, cost of building, etc.

Outreach (Bruce)

- Mission Awareness/Preparedness Checklist
 - Filling it out as a current member? New member? Searching for home member? Working to determine who the audience of this actually is.
- VBS Yard Signs – use congregational members as our spokespeople and advertisers
 - Yard signs where dates can simply be changed out year-to-year
- Looking into Mt. Olive participating in Polka Days Parade

Shepherding (Dave)

- No formal report

Lay Ministry (John)

- New church directory date set—October
 - Waiting to hear back from Lifetouch
- Stadium seat rental sales at Lambeau Field
 - Need 20+ people 18+ years
 - Get 3% of all sales
 - Family night—July 31
 - Friday night—August 12
 - Thursday night game

Property (Chuck presented in Jim’s absence)

- Deck on parsonage
- Parsonage window replacement - \$2,200 quote
- Plumber scheduled to look at outside water faucet on church.
- Playground sign has been installed

Finance (Darren)

- General fund continues to grow
- Illumine flooded
 - Recommendation: Offer the rest of our allotted budget for Illumine to them
- Contributions and donations are currently up from what we anticipated
- Furnace updates have decreased utilities expenses

Old Business

- Covered planning for growth

- Covered church directory

New Business

- Church Picnic
 - Bay Beach pavilion?
 - It's our main fellowship event
 - Social Committee will look into it

Bulletin

- To Sarah (Bulletin)-
 - Announce Cameron Teske as Temporary Secretary

Motion to Adjourn 9:03pm

Prepared by Cameron Teske