

Mount Olive Lutheran Church- Mission & Ministry Council Meetings Summary
(AUGUST 20, 2013)

PROCESS TO ESTABLISH CALL COMMITTEE FOR MELINDA NEUENFELDT:

1. Committee will consist of one Elder, one MMC member, and one At –Large member from the congregation.
2. No other candidates will be presented.
3. Vote will be taken at the upcoming Vision Assembly on December 2, 2013.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

1. Marriage in Minnesota: Policies have been updated to clarify our definition of marriage. No change is needed in our Constitution or Bylaws.
2. Africa Results: Ethnicities have reunited as one unified synod and are working together to expand God's Kingdom.
3. Staff Changes: Eight staff positions have been vacated since May, with only four of those vacancies being filled as the remaining staff will handle the workload.
4. Preferred Future: Last week Pastor Haakana began sharing his vision with staff and ministry members as to how he sees Mount Olive five years from now.
5. "The Story" Update: On September 15th, "The Story" begins on all levels at Mount Olive. The response has been positive among church members and the excitement is growing.
6. Rally Day on September 8th: Worship services at 8:00 and 9:30 a.m., with a picnic at John Ward Park at 11:00 a.m. A three-inning softball game follows at noon.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE TEAM:

1. Reviewed Treasurer's Report and Giving Units Report through July 31, 2013.
2. Between the General Fund and Building Fund, giving has been down \$35,192.74 from May-July 2013 in comparison to May-July 2012.
3. There has been a 50% increase in debt since the June 4th Vision Assembly, largely due to decreased summer attendance.

TRUSTEES MINISTRY TEAM:

1. Three picnic tables were dismantled as they were weathered beyond repair.
2. Maintenance was done to the shrubbery near Door A.
3. A small bonfire pit was constructed at the back of the church to be used this fall.
4. The in-bins were relocated to the Usher Room.
5. Various repairs were done inside and outside the old kindergarten classroom.
6. The floor in Cana Hall was waxed.

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE: No new activity or updates to report at this time.

STEWARDSHIP ACTION TEAM: No meeting has taken place as of yet.

LOAN STATUS: Current loan balance as of July 31, 2013: \$3,032,913.71.

CAPITAL APPEAL UPDATE FOR 2012/2013: Goal: \$275,000. Pledged: \$207,640.

OPEN FORUM:

1. Staff Appreciation Event
2. Rally Sunday Volunteers
3. MMC Nominations
4. Capital Appeal

FUTURE MMC MEETING DATE: 10/15/2013. FUTURE VISION ASSEMBLY DATE: 12/2/2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

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