

Mount Olive Lutheran Church  
Mission and Ministry Council Meeting Minutes  
August 18, 2015

**APPROVED 11-3-2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Scott Passe.

AGENDA: Jeff Schultz made a motion to approve. Heidi DuPont Seconded. Motion carried.

MAY 20, 2015 MINUTES: Dave Berndt made a motion to approve. Terri Jantunen seconded. Motion carried.

**STEPHAN MINISTRY TEAM PRESENTATION:**

The team consists of Pastor Randy, Dave Dawson, Bruce Degen and Jan Peters. We were updated on what has transpired thus far, training-wise, and presented a preview of upcoming meetings and training sessions. Roles were defined for Stephen Leader Coordinator (Pastor Randy), Awareness Building Coordinator (Dave), Training Coordinator (all), Continuing Education Coordinator (Jan), Referrals Coordinator (Jan), Supervision Coordinator (Bruce).

The Stephen Ministries Process is as follows: 1- Recruiting and selecting (Bruce); 2- Training and dates and makeup (Dave); 3- Applications accepted (were due back by July 20), 4- Interview selection of Stephen Ministers Supervision and Continuing Education (Bruce); 5- Referrals (Jan). Eight members of the congregation have been chosen and will begin training in September. Another training session is tentatively scheduled to start in January. If you are interested in joining the Stephen Ministry Team, or have questions, please contact any of the above mentioned team members.

All care receiver referrals must go through the two pastors first. We have to have permission from the receiver to give their name to a Pastor.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:**

- 1) Bruce Connolly, our part-time DCA, turned in his resignation to accept a full-time position at another church. I have made the decision to make this position a full-time position again under the title of Director of Business Administration and Operations. We have four applicants and interviews will be held during the week of August 17-21. Monica will still do payables, etc., at least through December 2015.
- 2) MN Adult / Teen Challenge and Spoke Folk groups were here this summer and once again well received. They are scheduled to return again next year.
- 3) Rally Day is scheduled for September 13. Services will be 8:00 and 10:30 AM on Sunday. There will be no Saturday service that weekend. There will be refreshments and information booths in between services and a picnic in the park after worship. The picnic will be catered this year. A banner saying "I ❤️ my Church" will be made and then be available for church members to sign.
- 4) The theme for the 2015-2016 school year will be – Prepare for the Battle: Believe, Pray and Act. The theme verse will be 1 Peter 5:8-9.
- 5) Pastor Jon will help with coordinating Life Groups. Both Pastors will try getting out and visiting each Life Group.

**FINANCIAL:**

A complete report for the 2014-2015 year is not yet completed. Total receipts for FY 2015 were \$1,318,688, which was 9% less than FY 2014. Total receipts for July 2015 were \$79,135.69 which is 9% more than July 2014. Through eight months of the current 12-month Capital Appeal, we have received \$137,482.70 which is 61% of the \$225,340 which was pledged. Receipts are keeping pace with monthly payments needed for our mortgage, leaving nine months of payments in reserve.

**TRUSTEES:**

Some of the summer projects slated to be done this year have been completed. Most of the lights in the sanctuary have been replaced. A lift was rented to complete the project. The major project completed was classroom 107/108 in the basement of the old building. There was water damage and a source needed to be found and repaired. The source was three-fold: A hole was dug on the east side of the old building to re-seal the wall on the outside; the drain pipe was replaced and re-routed with a new concrete pad installed; a new membrane was installed by the drain on the roof. A part of a special gift received this summer was used to cover expenses. Carpet was repaired on the upper level of the old building and all carpets were cleaned by an outside service this summer. After September 1, Dennis Lutter will go part-time with 15 hours per week. His tasks will be focused on cleaning the school. Another part-time janitor will be hired to help with the janitorial tasks.

**ENDOWMENT:**

David Olson of Gift Planning Services (GPS) is scheduled for one more visit to follow up with the eight families he has been working with, and touch base with 3 – 4 more families who were unable to meet with him the first time. That will end our contract with GPS, unless it is renewed at some point.

**OPEN FORUM:**

Nominations Committee: Scott Colestock, MMC Vice President will start recruiting nominations of members for three MMC positions that come up vote at the December 6 Vision Assembly meeting. We will be looking for members to run for the position of MMC Secretary, and two Member-at-Large positions.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jim Dahl made a motion to adjourn. Terri Jantunen seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Albu  
Interim Secretary