

Mount Olive Lutheran Church  
Mission and Ministry Council Meeting Minutes  
May 20, 2015

**APPROVED AUGUST 18, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Scott Passe.

Agenda: A motion was made by Heidi Dupont to approve the minutes as written. Jeff Schultz seconded. Motion passed.

March 17, 2015 minutes: Heidi Dupont made a motion to approve the minutes. Roger King seconded. Motion passed.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:**

- 1) The service with Pastor Seltz and the Pastor's Conference that followed was a huge blessing. Christ-confidence in mission and ministry was talked about. "You can't change what you don't love."
- 2) I encourage everyone to continue in their summer worship. Even if you are gone, you are encouraged to worship and continue with summer giving.
- 3) Strategic planning discussion has been held with staff...looking forward to next 5 – 10 years, has led to many topics. One such topic has been "What is a church member?" Staff, Elders and MMC are reading the book entitled "I Am a Church Member."
- 4) Staff will be given a one-page plan for the next five years which simply states Who We Are, Where We Are Headed, four things we will focus on, and four critical factors in reaching goals.

**FINANCIAL:**

We have received 82% of budgeted tuition money for the preschool at this time. The YTD total for offerings is \$37,466 less than last fiscal year and total income for General Fund is \$50,558 less. Giving is about 8% behind last year at this time. Our spending expenses are 2% less than last year compared to what was budgeted. As of April 30, 2015 the general fund owes the dedicated fund \$96,958.

**TRUSTEES:**

The Trustees have been providing extra cleaning of the restrooms and other areas along with help from other volunteers during Dennis Lutter's recovery from

a broken wrist. A musical apparatus / toy was installed in the playground area for children to enjoy. Spring clean-up went well with 17 people participating. We continue to continue the process of looking at contracts with maintenance companies to save money. Summer projects will include spraying weeds, replacing the bulbs for the spot lights in the Worship Center, repairing some tile in upper level restroom floors, tear down of a bulletin board wall in a classroom to determine water damage, replace baseboard and ceiling tiles in an office, repair carpet in upstairs office hallway, determine the best way to seal cracks in lower parking lot, plant new tree on west side of building.

**ENDOWMENT:**

David Olson of Gift Planning Services (GPS) was last here on April 26 all day to present information at the adult Bible study, return financial planning binders to members who have already met with him, and meet with others who have requested some financial advice related to estate planning. We have one more day coming from the original contract signed with GPS. The return date has not yet been set. This is not costing the church...a member graciously paid for this. We are looking for someone to Chair this Committee.

**CAPITAL APPEAL:**

Discussion as to whether the Capital Appeal should be included in the General Fund in the future will be presented to the congregation at the June 2, 2015 Vision Assembly meeting for approval or disapproval.

**OPEN FORUM:**

The 2015 – 2016 Budget was discussed. Roger King made a motion to approve the 2015 – 2016 budget. Dave Berndt seconded. Motion passed. It will be presented at the June 2, 2015 Vision Assembly meeting for congregational approval.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Scott Colestock made a motion to adjourn (7:00 PM). Jeff Schultz seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Albu  
Interim Secretary