

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2018, 7:00 P.M., Fellowship Hall

Present: Greg Buchholz, Tyler Costa, Mark Deniston, Sue Hertless, Nancy Judge, John Mott, Laura Mott (Treasurer), Tony Rogelstad, Pr. Jeremy Serrano

Excused: Candace Bradley , Adam Castle

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M

Devotions and Opening Prayer: Pr. Jeremy

Reading of the Covenant

Recognitions:

Pr. Jeremy: Jose Requena for cleaning up the church property on a weekly basis, and volunteering for Ashes to Go.

Nancy Judge for also volunteering to help with Ashes to Go.

Greg: Jamie and Linda Rodemsky for mowing the fields around GSLC.
Sue Hertless for organizing last month's Council dinner.

Correspondence: none at this time

OLD BUSINESS

Sue made a **motion** to approve the 2/13/18 Council meeting minutes, which was **seconded** by Mark, and **passed**.

NEW BUSINESS

General Discussion: Resurrection Lutheran Church

Is there enough money in the Evangelism Fund to send Pr. Jeremy to El Salvador and to bring Resurrection's Bishop Medardo Gomez to GSLC? Pr. Jeremy suggested creating a line item in the budget for pastoral travel to and from GSLC. It's important to get congregational buy-in for our involvement with Resurrection Lutheran Church. Greg asked if the intention is for Resurrection Lutheran Church to be a mission church that we help fund, or a sister parish, and suggested that we should pay for this with fundraising rather than pulling money from the budget and/or various funds. The GMAT (Global Mission Action Team) could also be a possible source of funding. Bishop Medardo Gomez has been invited to the Synod Assembly this year. Greg said whatever we do should be self-sufficient, like FFF is currently. Will our interaction with El Salvador be self-sufficient? Pr. Jeremy said we should think globally and act locally. Greg said he would hate to see us lose out on things local by focusing too much on global issues. Mark suggested that a presentation be put together for the congregation providing clear direction. Laura suggested that we should not try to do fundraising without first making an emotional connection between Good Shepherd and Resurrection Church members, possibly via Skype.

Pumpkin Patch

Should we use money from the Endowment Fund for this year's Pumpkin Patch?

REPORTS

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pr. Jeremy proposed having permanent Stations of the Cross installed in the church.

Past Events/Accomplishments:

Confirmation: The youth continue to meet sporadically for confirmation. We are going through a book by Daniel Erlander entitled *Manna and Mercy*.

Ashes to Go: We did two Ashes to Go this year. The first was at the BART Station for early commuters. We gave ashes to 75 people. The second was at Todos Santos Park where gave ashes to 10 people. This continues to be an event that blesses people.

The website: I continue to update the website on a regular basis. If there is any part that needs updating, please let me know.

Men's Breakfast: We continue to meet on the last Sunday of the month. Last month we studied the Proverbs.

Concord Christian Club: We continue to meet at various churches on the First Sunday of the month. For April we will be meeting April 8.

Upcoming Events/Goals:

Pulpit Supply: I will be having pulpit supply March 11 and April 8. One is for Continuing Education. The other is for vacation.

Good Friday: 12:15 pm Ecumenical Service at St. Bonaventure.
7:00pm Stations of the Cross at Good Shepherd.

I would really like to get some permanent Stations of the Cross for our Sanctuary. How can we go about doing this? [A discussion followed about what type of art it might consist of. We'll need a broad base of support for this.]

Palm Sunday: We will need help decorating for Palm Sunday on March 24 on 9:00am.

Long Term Goals:

4th of July Parade: FFF Theme
Nothing to report, yet.

Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser: With FFF Theme
Nothing to report, yet.

Offerings:

Implement a method through which people can give offerings electronically during the worship service.

App:

Develop an App for the church.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

We need to schedule a date for an annual Council retreat.

Alarm System Activation: I need to get the ball rolling once again to activate the alarm systems in Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. I will arrange a meeting with Tony and Laura to figure out next steps.

FFF Building:

1. Planning – Need to develop preliminary scope of project and rough costs.
 - a. Engage an architect
 - b. Determine permitting needs/issues
 - c. Develop rough budget
2. Support – Once preliminary plans are fleshed out, need meeting with congregation to build support and build excitement. Will also need to meet with neighbors to present the project and build support
3. Funding – Parallel with building support, need to investigate funding sources
4. Project Design – once the congregation approves the preliminary plan we will need to complete building design, get permitting approvals and finalize funding
5. Construction

STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

Earth Day is Sunday, April 22, 2018. The City of Concord is having a cleanup at Hillcrest Park. I put an article in the March newsletter and will put another one in the April newsletter. Earth day is on a Sunday and the sign up is at 8:00 am. I will give two options to anyone interested. The first one will be there at 8:00 with me, and the cleanup time is from 8:00 am to 12:00. The other option will be to attend Church and meet up around 11 :00 for the final hour of clean up.

Laura asked about having a worship service at the park. Pr. Jeremy will bring his plan to the next Council meeting. He asked if we should do something on the GSLC campus such as light cleanup or light planting. Nancy will attend the Property committee meeting on Tuesday, 3/27/18 at 7:00 P.M. to discuss.

Next month I would like to give a presentation for the fall Stewardship drive. It is set up a little different than what we have done in the past. After the presentation I would like feedback from the Council about if they think it is okay to proceed and plan it.

FINANCE REPORT:

Tyler reported that C&B giving is less than \$1000 for the month, but \$4000 over the \$20,000 projected so far for the year.

The Finance Committee would like to meet with the Property Committee to discuss the FFF building.

We are considering moving away from Bank of America and toward a credit union—maybe Travis or Pacific Service Credit Union.

Tony made a **motion** to authorize the Finance Committee to move Good Shepherd's bank account from Bank of America to another institution of their choosing such as a credit union for better customer service. The motion was **seconded** by Mark, and **passed**.

SOCIAL MINISTRY REPORT:

Mark indicated that we have stuffed animals for the pews, and he will get with Candace for the Blood Drive.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC: no report

FELLOWSHIP: no report

PROPERTY & LONG RANGE PLANNING: no report

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: no report

EVANGELISM: no report

Items for next newsletter:

Recognitions

Council retreat

Earth Day

Summer picnic

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 4/9/18 at 7:00 P.M.

Tony made a **motion** to adjourn, which was seconded by Tyler, and **passed**.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

John Mott
Secretary