

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes December 11, 2018, 7:00 P.M., Fellowship Hall

Present: Candace Bradley, Greg Buchholz, Tyler Costa, Mark Deniston, Nancy Judge, John Mott, Laura Mott, Tony Rogelstad, Pr. Jeremy Serrano. **Excused:** Sue Hertless.

Call to Order: 7:04 P.M

Devotions and Opening Prayer: Pr. Jeremy

Reading of the Covenant

Recognitions

Greg Buchholz:

- Mark Deniston for stepping in to run last month's Council meeting!
- Everyone who helped make the Thanksgiving dinner such a success!
- Everyone who helped decorate the Sanctuary, including Rev. Jeremy, Vicki Smiglewski, Marcia Sander, Jorge and Carla, Nancy Judge, Tony and Cindy Rogelstad, Renee Reis, and Levi and Benjamin Serrano.

Pr. Jeremy:

- Rich Batchelder for fixing the support post in the men's restroom in the Hall.
- Sue Hertless, Laura Mott, and Tyna Headrick-Phipps for planning and implementing our Christmas Boutique Sale.

Correspondence: none at this time

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of previous Council meeting minutes

A **motion** was made by Mark to approve the November Council Meeting minutes, which was seconded by Candace, and passed.

Thanksgiving Dinner (11/18/18) follow-up

We got rid of the old Westinghouse roasters.

Status update on upcoming activities

Christmas Eve worship services will be held at 7 P.M. and 11 P.M.

2019 Budget Planning Discussion (cont'd)

Gordon is working on budget forms to approve before going into the annual report.

NEW BUSINESS

Facility use requests

- We have not heard back yet from Sayed Husaini since he was quoted \$500 for the Hall rental.
- Lighthouse Baptist Church: Lighthouse has purchased their Certificate of Insurance, but they are three months (\$1200) behind in their rent. Laura will call to follow up.

2019 Council Makeup and Election

Members whose terms are expiring: Candace Bradley, Sue Hertless, John Mott

New members (subject to congregational vote) and returning members: Candace Bradley, Greg Buchholz, Tyler Costa, Mark Deniston, Sue Hertless, Nancy Judge, John Mott, Laura Mott (Treasurer), Tony Rogelstad, Pr. Jeremy Serrano. [Note: the pastor and treasurer automatically have seats on the council, and the treasurer has a voice but no vote.] Mark will make an announcement on Sunday inviting new potential Council members.

Pr. Jeremy proposed that next year we review the organizational structure of our church, because it seems like we're moving away from the committee model and toward action teams with defined functions.

Annual Congregational Meeting

- This year's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2019.
- Laura will send out annual report templates for committee members to fill out. Please return your annual reports to Laura by January 14, 2019.
- Meeting activities will include elections, annual reports, budget, Pr. Jeremy's year-in-review video presentation, and a potluck brunch.

Hiring of Organist and Update on Choir Director Position

Pr. Jeremy reported that Laura will put out more information in January. He also talked with Emilie Patton, who will not be able to return as choir director, but might possibly serve as an accompanist.

Stephen Ministry

Discussion tabled for now.

REPORTS

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Starting in January, Pr. Jeremy's day off will change from Monday to Wednesday so he can join the Spiritual Care Team at PLTS to provide spiritual care to students.
- We have now implemented online giving to GSLC through the Tithely smartphone app. Online giving can now be done through the Tithely app, our church website, and our Facebook page. Any new requests to make automated donations through our existing system, Simply Giving, will be redirected to Tithely.

Past Events/Accomplishments:

Worship:

Christ The King Sunday was another success. The congregation continues to respond positively to this worship service.

We will continue to use the Narrative Lectionary.

PASTOR'S REPORT (cont'd):

Organist

We will begin searching for an Organist in January.

Finance

Tithely: We will be implementing a new way to give to the church using Tithely, the method recommended by Adam Castle.

\$0 Set-up Fee

\$0 Month

2.9% +30 cents per Credit Card Transaction

3.5% + 30 cents per AMEX Transaction

1% + 30 cents per ACH Transaction.

Upcoming Events/Goals:

Cocoa Cookies and Carols

Everyone is invited to the parsonage for Cocoa Cookies and Carols at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas:

Our worship times for Christmas will not change.

7:00pm & 11:00pm: Christmas Eve

Decorate the front of the church for Advent/Christmas.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Upcoming Events/Goals:

2019 Budget: As discussed in last few meetings, I have added this as a monthly agenda topic.

Next year's Council: We need to discuss where we stand for next year's council membership and elections. Terms expiring at the end of January include Candace, Sue, John as well as Adam's open slot. As a reminder, each term is for 3 years, and we can serve 2 consecutive terms.

Annual Report: We need your annual reports soon.

Alarm System Activation: I have not done anything this month on this topic of activating the alarm systems in Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. I will arrange a meeting with Tony and Laura to figure out next steps.

Concerns:

Organist/Choir Director Positions: We need to get the ball rolling on filling these positions or we will start losing some of our members. Where do we stand on getting a committee together?

COD Duties: Please be sure to lock up all rooms/buildings as part of your COD duties. This includes the classrooms and Fireside Room.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (cont'd):

Church Council Action Items:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

The Pumpkin Patch proceeds of \$2995.20 will go to our Friends Feeding Friends ministry. November net income was \$5171.59, but net income through 11/2018 is \$2702.27 below budget.

SOCIAL MINISTRY:

Upcoming Events/Goals:

Continued FFF work.

I have finished Phase III of the application for the Trinity Church (Wall Street, NY) grant. I need to wait until I hear back from Trinity to see if I can finish the final Phase IV of the grant. They have to review and approve all that I have submitted before I can proceed.

I have started the application for a Bayer USA Foundation grant. I have completed a large chunk of the application, but they are requesting a number of documents that I did not have access to this week (e.g. W-9, program budget, Board of Directors list, etc.). I need to consult with Property, Pastor, and Laura before I proceed. [It was decided at the December Council meeting that the GSLC Council will be listed as the Board of directors.]

Long Term Goals:

FFF BUILDING UPDATE:

- Architectural work put on hold until we can locate funding sources.
- I am still in the process of applying for a Trinity Church and the Bayer USA Foundation grants.

EVANGELISM:

Special Recognitions: A BIG THANK YOU to Laura Mott for sewing and donating a 63" X 74" quilt to our Christmas Gift and Treasures Shoppe. Ione Bantly, Mark Deniston, Betty Jacobsen, Susan Metzger, Laura Mott, Tyna Headrick-Phipps, Renee Reis, Marcia Sander, and Sue Hertless for all of their work in making the event a huge success.

Thank you's go out to the congregational members who donated items to be sold.

Past Events/Accomplishments: The Christmas Gift and Treasures Shoppe made \$1212.00 being open to the public for 6 hours. Unfortunately, this does not include set-up, cooking, crafts that were made, or break down of the event. However, \$1212.00 for 6 hours is a very healthy return.

FELLOWSHIP:

We need one more roaster.

The Potluck Brunch will be limited to members only without any food restrictions.

YOUTH / CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Pr. Jeremy met with three youths for Confirmation: 3 kids, two seniors, and Allie Buchholz. We have already covered the Beatitudes, and the Sermon on the mount will be next.

PROPERTY & LONG-TERM PLANNING:

We are waiting for a quote for the Fellowship Hall roof. Pr. Jeremy also requested that we have the contractor look at the rain gutters on the parsonage.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

No report

STEWARDSHIP:

No report

Items for next newsletter:

Recognitions

Council makeup

Rev. Jeremy's new day off.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 1/8/19 at 7:00 P.M. [Changed to 1/15/18.]

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

The Council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Mott
Secretary