

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2019

Opening

The regular meeting of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC) council was called to order at 7:07 pm on February 12, 2019 by Mark Deniston.

Present

Pastor Jeremy Serrano, Mark Deniston, Nancy Judge, Candace Bradley, Mike Henry, Tony Rogelstad, John Mott, Greg Buchholz and Laura Mott.

Absent – Tyler Costa and Sue Hertless

Recognitions

- Pastor Jeremy recognized Laura Mott for all her hard work on the annual report – it was very well done.
- John Mott recognized Susan Metzger for helping with the congregational meeting.
- Candace Bradley recognized everyone who helped with the brunch part of the congregational meeting.
- Mark Deniston recognized Greg Buchholz for his past service as council president as well as the people who presented at the annual congregational meeting: Sue Hertless, Tony Rogelstad, Tyler Costa and Gordon Monroe.
- All members present welcomed Mike Henry as the newest member our council.

Correspondence

Lutheran Social Services sent a note of thanks for GSLC's continued support.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

None were available to approve. Council discussed the need to post minutes and newsletters on the web site. Pastor had recently updated the site.

Organist/Pianist and Choir Director – Search & Update

Pastor indicated that they would go out on Monday, February 18 with ads for organist or organist/choir director. This raised further discussion on:

- How do we balance the music during worship between the organ and the contemporary music led by Tom.

- How do we re-engage and maintain our choir?

NEW BUSINESS

Facility Use Requests

- Bay Area Crisis Nursery requested use of Fellowship Hall for their annual volunteer recognition dinner. Motion was made by Greg and seconded by Candace. To approve the event at no cost to the BACN. An amendment to the motion was made by Pastor and seconded by Tony to allow the office administrator to approve this annually. The amendment and motion were voted on and approved.

Appointments to Committees

- It was discussed as a reminder that the Executive Council was elected during a special meeting following the annual congregational meeting on January 27.

Results of the election are:

- o Council President – Mark Deniston
 - o Vice President – John Mott
 - o Member at Large – Sue Hertless
 - o Secretary – Greg Buchholz
- After discussion, the 2019 church council committee chairs are:
 - o Finance – Tyler Costa
 - o Property and Long-Range Planning – Tony Rogelstad
 - o Evangelism – Sue Hertless
 - o Stewardship – Nancy Judge
 - o Fellowship – Candace Bradley
 - o Social Ministry – Mike Henry
 - o Worship & Music and Youth/Christian Ed – Pastor Jeremy

Pastor's Discussion on New Management Structure for GSLC

Pastor discussed his long-range plan to re-evaluate the organizational structure of the church council – is there a better way? Are we too set in our ways? Can we do a better job of making the council members the liaison between the committees and the council, rather than the chairs of each committee. This will become a topic for Old Business going forward.

Council Dinner on March 12

Council will welcome Mike Henry by hosting a dinner before the next meeting on March 12th.

Stephen Ministry Discussion

Council briefly discussed the presentation at the January meeting by a representative of Stephen Ministry from the United Methodist Church in Concord. Their church had graciously offered to act as the host body for GSLC if we wish to pursue this as a ministry. Pastor Jeremy indicated his support of the ministry but feels that it is something that we should do on our own, not under the auspices of UMC. However, the cost and time commitment to host the Stephen Ministry is quite high. We will continue to discuss this topic in future council meetings.

Committee Reports

Please see the individual committee reports. Some additional discussion occurred on the following topics:

- Resurrection Lutheran/El Salvador – council discussed the need to come up with a better way to get our donations to the church in El Salvador. Having members travel with cash is potentially a safety issue. This will be discussed further in future council meetings.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm by Mark Deniston. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on March 12, in Fellowship Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Greg Buchholz, Council Secretary