

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2019

Opening

The regular meeting of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC) council was called to order at 7:11 pm on May 14, 2019 by Mark Deniston.

Present

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

Absent – Tony Rogelstad and Sue Hertless

Recognitions

- Mark Deniston recognized:
 - All folks involved with the Easter Service, Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt – organizing, setting up and cleaning up.
 - Church Council Members for the difficult decision on the direction of the GSLC Music Ministry.
- Candace Bradley recognized:
 - Members of the Fellowship Committee who helped to prepare and set up Fellowship Hall on Saturday before Easter, and serve and clean up after the Easter brunch. Including Jean Moore, Linda Mahloch, Reyanne Freeman, Danni Kracht, Ron & Mary Figueroa. Also, Dana Deniston and Linda Rodemsky for washing dishes on prep day. Lastly, everyone who helped with breakdown and cleanup including Mark Deniston for vacuuming.
- Sue Hertless recognized the following in her report:
 - Renee Reis and Mike Henry for attending the Synod Assembly.
 - Linda Rodemsky for watering the Community Garden.

- Sandra Berard for the idea of the flowered cross for Easter service.
- Kathy Reis and Nancy Judge for the dedication to the upkeep of the church grounds.
- Everyone who donated money for the stoles.
- Pastor Jeremy recognized:
 - Tony Rogelstad for making the flower cross for Easter.
 - Sandra Berard for coordinating the Easter Cross.
 - Andrew Smith for fixing the shut-off valve to the parsonage.
- Greg Buchholz recognized Glen Bradley, Gary Mahloch, Tony Rogelstad for their work in repairing sprinkler systems.
- Entire Council recognized the Sunday School classes for making and posting the “notes of love” around our campus.

Correspondence

- Bay Area Crisis Nursery sent a thank you card for allowing them the use of Fellowship Hall for their annual volunteer appreciation dinner.
- Patricia Kelly thanked Friends Feeding Friends for picking up “stuff” (furniture) after the passing of a loved one.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the January and April meetings were reviewed and approved with minor changes.

Organist/Pianist and Choir Director – Search & Update

Two motions were made in regards to GSLC’s music program. The first motion was to pursue a course of action whereby Tom Flegel becomes the music director at a salary of \$1,150 per month. Pastor Jeremy will develop an updated Position Description outlining his additional duties. This motion was made by Greg Buchholz, seconded by Candace Bradley and was passed. The second motion was to hire John Yee to play the piano/organ

one Sunday a month at a salary of \$250 per week that he plays (\$3,000 annually). This motion was made by Tyler Costa, seconded by Candace Bradley and was passed.

Pastor Housing Allowance

A motion was made by Greg Buchholz and seconded by Mike Henry to formally give Pastor Jeremy a \$3,000 housing allowance for 2019. This was an oversight from past meetings. Motion passed.

Stephen Ministry

Most discussion was tabled due to the absence of Sue Hertless. There was some question about the upfront and ongoing costs of this ministry as well as what the focus of ministry will be. This will be discussed further in upcoming meetings.

Visioning Discussion for GLSC

Pastor Jeremy continued our discussions on this topic by asking “how do people hear about GSLC?”. After discussing the various methods, we delved into how to improve upon them. It was decided that we need to create good processes to let people in the community know that we are hear. This discussion will continue in future meetings.

Pumpkin Patch Discussion

Due to time constraints, this was tabled until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Facility Use Requests

None.

Request from apartment folks to rent lower lot parking spaces

Renters from the neighboring apartment buildings have approached Laura to ask about the possibility of renting parking spaces from GSLC. After considerable discussion regarding liability, added workload to manage the situation and the potential issues with our non-profit status, it was decided to not pursue this action. We will continue with the situation as-is.

Food safety preparation discussion

This topic was not on the agenda but we discussed upcoming celebrations at GSLC, particularly in the context of food preparation. Pastor Jeremy had further discussion with

Dr. Underwood from the county health department and it appears that the county's view of the situation has somewhat changed and the requirements have relaxed. We will continue to discuss this but are planning to continue with planning for the El Salvador event in September.

Stations of the Cross discussion

Pastor Jeremy shared several different examples and none of them 'wowed' everyone. Pastor will continue to look for additional possibilities. It was decided that we would decide on a design by August.

Possible Potluck in the next quarter

Due to time constraints, this was tabled until next meeting.

Council Retreat

Due to difficulties in scheduling, the retreat will now be held in August.

Committee Reports

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

- President's report:
 - Cell tower: Six members of GSLC met and looked at the current contract for the cell tower 'tree' at the upper parking lot. The wording would appear to exclude GSLC from receiving additional rent as new/different antennas are added.

- Social Ministry:
 - Mike Henry and Dana Deniston are looking to get a volunteer cleanup crew for the kitchen.
 - FFF is looking for a buzzer or some means to monitor access to the food pantry.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm by Mark Deniston. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on June 11th, in Fellowship Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Greg Buchholz, Council Secretary