

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2019

Opening

The regular meeting of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC) council was called to order at 7:03 pm on July 9, 2019 by Mark Deniston.

Present

Pastor Jeremy Serrano, Mark Deniston, Sue Hertless, Nancy Judge, Tyler Costa, Candace Bradley, Laura Mott and Greg Buchholz.

Absent – Tony Rogelstad, Mike Henry and John Mott.

Recognitions

- Mark Deniston recognized the following in his report:
 - o All people involved in the 4th of July float.
 - o Tony Rogelstad and Laura Mott for heading up the activation of the alarm system in Fellowship Hall.
- Tony Rogelstad recognized the following in his report:
 - o Greg Buchholz, Glen Bradley, Mark Deniston, Jamie Rodemsky, Mike Albrecht and Gary Mahloch for helping on the work party repairing sprinklers
- Mike Henry recognized the following in his report:
 - o All those who volunteer their time to support Friends Feeding Friends.
 - o Dana Deniston for her FFF leadership and efforts resulting in a \$2,300 grant from FEMA.
 - o Caedmon Serrano for her diligent and hard work on the “Little Box of Love” project.
- Sue Hertless recognized the following in her report:
 - o Mark Deniston, Marcia Sander, Betty Jacobsen, Mike Henry, Susan Metzger and Tracy Rentner for the generous donations to the sponsoring of A’s tickets for the less fortunate.
 - o Diane Chandler, Float Design Lead and Crystal Phillips, Pat Brack, Ione Bantley, Ron & Mary Figueroa, Betty Jacobsen, Richard Hertless, Kathy & Renee Reis, and Marcia Sander for all the help in building the 4th of July float.
 - o Tony Rogelstad for the use of his trailer for the float.

- Laura & John Mott, Vickie Smiglewski, Herb Yonge, John & Irene, Susan Metzger and Richard Hertless for all the food and help for the 4th of July barbeque.
- Richard Hertless, Jay Neyenhouse, Lizanne Bickert, Ron & Mary Figueroa, Karla Requeen, Marilyn, Lily and Jerry Preuitt, Renee Reis, Barbara Karr, Lynnette & Kent Campbell, Regina, Jorge Requeen for riding/walking with the float.
- Candace Bradley recognized:
 - Linda Mahloch for all her hard work with the luncheons for the recent memorial services.
- Laura Mott recognized:
 - Linda Rodemsky and Kay Bennett for running FFF during the Deniston's vacation.
- Pastor Jeremy recognized:
 - Renee and Kathy Reis for painting the benches in the lower and middle parking lots and for painting a door that had been vandalized.

Correspondence

- Interfaith Council Contra Costa County thanked GSLC for our donation of \$300.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Past Minutes

Minutes for the June meeting were reviewed and approved.

July 4th Parade Discussion

There was good enthusiasm from the congregation with representation from GSLC, Brown Bag and First Lutheran. Double the turnout of last year.

Stephen Ministry Discussion

Text for the bulletin insert was given to Laura to put together an insert for the next several weeks. The intention is to judge the amount of interest within the congregation for such a ministry, and to see if there are currently any persons looking to receive care.

Visioning Discussion for GSLC

We will use the book that we are reading, 'Autopsy of a Deceased Church' as part of our discussion. To happen during the future planning session.

Pumpkin Patch Discussion

City requires an upfront fee of \$2,800, of which \$2,600 will be returned upon successful completion of the event. We will create a flow-through account for Pumpkin Patch 2019 better track financials.

Stations of the Cross Discussion

Deferred to next meeting.

Council Planning Session – August 18, 10:30 am to 3:00 pm

Will plan to once again schedule the Baha'i Center, get Togo's for lunch.

Book Discussion “Autopsy of a Deceased Church”

Discussion deferred to next meeting and/or planning session.

NEW BUSINESS

Facility Use Requests

- Funeral for a past member. No Facility Use Permit required.
- Ron Price's memorial will be August 24th.

Committee Reports

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

- Council President's report:
 - o We have decided not to pursue a blood donation event this year. We will promote other opportunities in the area.
- Finance Committee report:
 - o Still have positive cash flow to budget.
 - o Endowment fund once again hit \$100,000.
 - o FC is looking for 90 day notice on large expenditures.
 - o Lighthouse Baptist Church has been behind in rent. Their pastor is working to try to resolve the issue. We will continue to monitor the situation.
- Youth Ministry report:
 - o Pastor Jeremy indicated that he and Renee Reis are looking for space for the Youth Ministry that will roll out September. One potential space is the Choir Room in the basement of the Sanctuary. If we go that route, we will need to schedule a clean up day to go through everything in there and decide what to keep and where.
- Property and Long Range Planning report:
 - o T-Mobile is looking for support from GSLC with their plans to change out some of the antennas/transmitters in preparation for 5G service.
- Evangelism Ministry report:
 - o Bishop Medardo event update. He will arrive on September 6th and the big dinner will be on the 7th. Sue Hertless would like to have the church council come to her house for dinner on the 6th. No final decision made.

- Sue Hertless would like to have GSLC host a Christmas Day meal for those without family, similar to the Thanksgiving Day meal served at First Lutheran. There was much discussion on need, logistics, competition with other another Christmas meal (Christmas For Everyone in Martinez), and how much support there would be for an event on Christmas Day. The discussion was tabled until next meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm by Mark Deniston. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on August 13th, in Fellowship Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Greg Buchholz, Council Secretary