

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2019

Opening

The regular meeting of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC) council was called to order at 7:05 pm on August 13, 2019 by Mark Deniston.

Present

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

Absent – Sue Hertless, Candace Bradley, and Tyler Costa.

Recognitions

- Mark Deniston recognized the following in his report:
 - o Mike Henry for his help with the flooring in the FFF rooms
 - o All the folks responsible for finishing the dresses, shorts and stoles for the El Salvador trip (Laura Mott, Sue Hertless, Betty Jacobsen, Marsha Sander, Vicki Smiglewski, Leida Moss, Pam Dietz, Lynn Davies and Linda Mahloch.
 - o Mike Albrecht for starting a search for a grant writer for the FFF building.
 - o Tony Rogelstad, Jon Moss and Greg Buchholz for handling the cell tower work proposals/permits.
 - o Caedmon Serrano for finishing her Silver Award project, Little Box of Love.
 - o All the folks responsible for working on the landscaping new Fellowship Hall (Kathy & Renee Reis, Nancy Judge).
- Tony Rogelstad recognized the following in his report:
 - o Greg Buchholz, Glen Bradley, Jamie Rodemsky, Mike Albrecht and Gary Mahloch for helping on the work party on August 10th.
 - o Glen Bradley for replacing the toilet in the Sanctuary restroom and the water heater in Fellowship Hall.
- 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.

Correspondence

- Note of appreciation and a donation in honor of a past member, Melissa Wagoner.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Past Minutes

Minutes for the June meeting were reviewed and approved with a minor revision.

Christmas Lunch/Dinner Proposal

Sue Hertless and Laura Mott are proposing that GSLC host a Christmas dinner for people who do not have family to share Christmas with. The council discussed the proposal at length including the basis of the need for the dinner, possible conflict with the dinner in Martinez, if there is sufficient volunteer support, and what potential liability the church might incur from hosting such an event. It was decided that the council needed more input from the congregation before making such a decision. It was decided to put flyers in upcoming bulletins to survey the congregation and the issue will be voted on during the next regular meeting.

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.

Book Discussion "Autopsy of a Deceased Church"

It was decided to do a much deeper dive and will discuss the introduction and discuss at the next meeting.

Stephen Ministry Discussion

The results of the voting from the bulletin insert were reviewed. Based on the voting, there appeared to be a lack of strong support for the Stephen Ministry. It was decided to vote on the issue at the next meeting, when the council member proposing the issue is back and can participate in the discussion and vote.

Pumpkin Patch Discussion

Pumpkins arrive Monday, September 30 at 4:00 pm. We are receiving half the number of pumpkins as last year, which should work out better for GSLC.

Stations of the Cross Discussion

Pastor Jeremy brought more examples of artwork. The council is to vote at the next meeting.

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

Pastor Jeremy is planning the agenda and will be concentrating on three topics: the book 'Autopsy of a Deceased Church', the endowment fund, and the vision of the future of GSLC.

NEW BUSINESS

Facility Use Requests

- None.

Committee Reports

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

- Pastor's report:
 - o Pastor Jeremy indicated his desire to move the church database from the Shepherd's Staff PC-based program to a subscription service.
 - o Pastor has initiated several cleaning projects around church.
 - o Pastor proposed converting the spare office/counters room in the Office Building into more of a conference room by replacing the desk with 4 tables from Ikea. Total cost would be \$740. A motion was made and approved.
- Finance Committee report:
 - o The committee has proposed the formation of a scholarship fund to be funded by the endowment fund. It is envisioned that several scholarships would be provided each year through local high schools. There is support for doing this within council and the next step will be the formation of a Scholarship Committee to develop the process and provide oversight.
- Social Ministries Committee report:
 - o Mike Henry made a motion to include a \$300 addendum to the contract to install flooring in the FFF rooms. This will allow the flooring material to be non-slip.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm by Mark Deniston. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on September 10th, in Fellowship Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Greg Buchholz, Council Secretary