

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2019

## Opening

The regular meeting of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC) Council was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on December 10, 2019, by Mark Deniston.

## Present

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

Absent - John Mott

## Recognitions

- Pastor Jeremy recognized the following in his report:
  - o Tony Rogelstad, Glen & Candace Bradley and Kathy & Renee Reis for handling Christmas lights.
  - o Sue Hertless for her work on the Peterson memorial and lunch.
  
- Mark Deniston recognized the following in his report:
  - o Candace Bradley for all her work on the Thanksgiving Dinner.
  - o All the folks that worked on the Thanksgiving Dinner (no list).
  - o All the folks that helped with the Peterson Memorial Service (no list).
  - o Sue Hertless and all the folks that helped with the Christmas Gift Faire (no list)
  
- Mike Henry recognized the following in his report:
  - o FFF volunteers for their continued patience and extra efforts through the flooring replacement project.
  
- Candace Bradley recognized the following in her report:
  - o Fellowship Committee members and everyone who helped with preparing the delicious food and setting up the Fellowship Hall on Saturday and serving and cleaning up after the Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday. Specifically: Kay Bennett, Vicki Smiglewski, Reyanne Freeman, Linda Mahloch, Ron and Mary Figueroa, Elsie Witt, Else Welsh, Sue Hertless, Donna Albrecht, Greg Buchholz, Kristi Buchholz, Ione Bantly, and Glen Bradley.
  - o A big thank you to Jon Moss, Patrick Harvey, and Greg Buchholz for cutting up the turkeys for the roasting pans Sunday morning, and Heidi Moss for her

expertise; and a big thank you to Jamie and Linda Rodemsky for running the dishwasher and putting away the clean dishes!

- Sue Hertless recognized the following in her report:
  - o Laura Mott, Betty Jacobsen and Tyna Phipps for your hard work and commitment to making the Christmas Shoppe a huge success.
  - o Linda and Jamie Rodemsky, Mary and Ron, Marcia Sander and her family for helping us feed over 300 people on Thanksgiving at the Giving Thanks at Thanksgiving event.

### **Correspondence**

- Contra Costa Adult ARC sent a note of thanks and a \$200 donation for allowing them to host a luncheon at Fellowship Hall.
- Concord Police Department sent a letter with the cost structure for responding to false alarms.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the October and November meetings were distributed, voted upon and approved with minor revisions.

**Book discussion – “Autopsy of a Deceased Church” – Discussed Chapter 2.**

#### **Budget Discussion**

The proposed 2020 budget appears to be workable and will be presented to the Congregation for review and approval during the annual meeting. Council also discussed the following related topics:

- Sprint and T-Mobile make up a good chunk of income. It is not clear how the proposed merger might impact that income.
- The budget is based on fixed expenses only, it does not include discretionary spending.
- There is a drop in the Capital Improvement funding.
- We need to work on ways to develop further funding, especially given the potentially tenuous nature of the cell tower situation.
- Council discussed the ongoing plans to construct a building for FFF. If progress is not made in 2020 we may want to re-evaluate the situation.
- There was discussion on what to do with the monies in some of the designated funds. This is something that should be discussed further in 2020.
- Lastly, Laura Mott commented that it appears that offering seems to be moving away from C&B and going more to designated funds. This is something that will need to be monitored as we do not want to lose sight of the fact that C&B is what keeps us operating.

### **Proposal for Outside Church to Lease GSLC Property**

A non-denominational church had approached Pastor Jeremy with a proposal to lease part of the church property in order to hold services for approximately 300 people and conduct church business at GSLC. The church, "Comunidad Cristiana de Concord" was looking to use the Sanctuary, portions of Fellowship Hall and the upper floor of the Office building. After much discussion, a motion was made by Greg and seconded by Tony directing Pastor Jeremy to respectfully decline to enter into a leasing arrangement with Comunidad Cristiana de Concord. The motion passed 8 votes yeah, 1 vote nay.

### **Pumpkin Patch Discussion**

The pumpkin patch was a success and made approximately \$1,050.

### **Stephen Ministry Discussion**

The budgeted amount will be a one-time spend and will not become an annual line item. Pastor Jeremy indicated that he is still looking for someone to lead the ministry and does not intend to go himself if there is no leader.

### **Christmas Lunch/Dinner Discussion**

- Moving forward – 115 have indicated a desire to attend.
- 20 volunteers so far.
- The City community organizer posted the flier on the City website.
- Any shortfall in expenses will be made up from monies from Evangelism.
- GSLC will be the only church in Concord serving a Christmas meal.

### **Council Member Recruitment**

There are three open spots (Tyler, Mark and Greg). So far one person has volunteered to run.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Facility use requests**

A neighbor of Good Shepherd has requested to use Fellowship Hall for an event. The request was approved with a rental fee of \$250 instead of the usual \$1,000.

### **Employee Year-end Gifts**

Pastor Jeremy requested year-end cash gifts for Tom, Jamie and Laura. Motion was approved.

### **Council Recruitment**

We will be losing two council members next year. Greg Buchholz indicated that he would ask around the congregation to solicit people to fill open spots.

### **Committee Reports**

Please see the individual committee reports.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m. The next general meeting will be January 14, 2020, 7 p.m., in Fellowship Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Greg Buchholz, Council Secretary