

## **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

Church Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 10, 2020 – 7 PM

### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC) Council was called to order at 7:35 PM on March 10, 2020, by Kristi Buchholz. Council held a welcome dinner for newly elected Council members, Kristi Buchholz, Jay Neyenhouse, and Renee Reis, before the meeting started.

### **Present:**

Pastor Jeremy Serrano, Candace Bradley, Mike Henry, Sue Hertless, Nancy Judge, John Mott, Laura Mott, Jay Neyenhouse, Renee Reis, Tony Rogelstad

### **RECOGNITIONS**

- John Mott recognized Pastor Jeremy for installing power strips in the accounting room in the church office.
- Jay Neyenhouse recognized Pastor Jeremy who visited Jay while he was recently in the hospital; Jay said Pastor Jeremy is a caring pastor.
- Candace Bradley recognized Sue Hertless for her coordination with Sally Keveney preparing for Robert's memorial service.
- Pastor Jeremy recognized Mike Henry (Cheyenne Electric) and Glen Bradley who hung the Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary.
- Pastor Jeremy recognized Nancy Judge and Kathy Reis for decorating the church for Lent.
- Mike Henry recognized the following in his report:
  - The FFF volunteers
  - Special thanks ahead of time to the volunteers heading to the Oakland Museum White Elephant sale tomorrow to pick up the annual load of furniture. FFF is the longest-standing charity that they donate to.
- Sue Hertless recognized the following in her report:
  - Marcia Sander, Ellie Bunt, and Betty Jacobsen for cutting ALL of the material to make new white tablecloths for the Fellowship Hall.
  - Candace Bradley and Diana Chandler for their help with making the Robert Keveney reception special.

- Special recognition also goes to Marcia Sander, Danni Kracht, Vicki Smiglewski, Elsie Witt, and Betty Jacobsen for their support for making Winter Nights a huge success. We could not have done it without your help! Caedmon Serrano sold a case of Girl Scout cookies, and she was asked to donate the cookies. Winter Nights' clients were so grateful, and sent a BIG THANK YOU!
- Candace Bradley recognized the following in her report:
  - THANK YOU to everyone who brought delicious potluck food dishes to share at the Annual Congregational Meeting brunch on January 26!
  - THANK YOU to all who helped clean up the Fellowship Hall, put away the tables and chairs, clean up the dishes in the kitchen, and sort out the leftovers, after the Congregational Meeting!

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **- Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION** made by Sue Hertless to accept the January 26, 2020, 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Minutes as written; seconded by Nancy Judge; motion passed.

**MOTION** made by Sue Hertless to accept the Newly Elected Church Council Meeting Minutes from January 26, 2020; seconded by Tony Rogelstad; motion passed.

- **Book discussion – “Autopsy of a Deceased Church”** – Tabled to April meeting.
- **Pumpkin Patch Summary**
  - Sue Hertless received communication from the Pumpkin Patch asking if we are planning to participate in the 2020 Pumpkin Patch. They apologized for the poor quality of some pumpkins received last October. We received approximately \$1,050 in sales. Discussion. **MOTION** made by Sue Hertless to table the Pumpkin Patch to 2021, then reevaluate future participation; Renee Reis seconded; motion passed.
- **Stephen Ministry Discussion - MOTION** made by Sue Hertless to move the Stephen Ministry money, contingent upon approval from the two donors, to Resurrection Lutheran Church; seconded by Nancy Judge. Discussion. There is a lack of interest in the Stephen Ministry program at Good Shepherd at this time, so Pastor will talk with the two donors - contingent upon their approval, this money will be moved to Resurrection Lutheran Church; motion passed.



## **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:**

- Discussed the Coronavirus outbreak and how we should possibly suspend some small groups. Does the Altar Guild wear gloves when preparing the bread and wine? Pastor says he would be open to eliminating wine and grape juice during this time.
- **Synod Assembly** – Because there will be an election of a Bishop at the Synod Assembly, delegates from the congregation will attend. A congregational meeting after worship is needed for approval (May 1, 2, 3) of these delegates. This should be a standard point at the Annual Meeting, as well as electing delegate alternates.
- **Maundy Thursday** – Worship service with a catered meal (6:30) in the Fellowship Hall, and then clear the altar at about 7:15. Pastor talked about washing Council members' feet, as some people find this very moving. Money for dinner could come from Fellowship.

**Finance:** Reports in the Council packets. Laura reported offerings are down for the past couple of months, probably due to the market decline.

- Discussion regarding Finance Committee's recommendation for Council to vote to fill the current vacant position of Finance Committee Chair with the Church Treasurer, Laura Mott. **MOTION** by Pastor Jeremy to appoint Laura Mott as the Finance Chair with a 3-year term; Renee Reis seconded; discussion; motion passed.

### **Evangelism:**

- Ellie Bunt will sew all 21 of the tablecloths – hoping to be ready for Easter on April 12.
- Winter Nights was a wonderful event again this year.
- Bishop Medardo's visit: Sue is planning for the youth to serve dinner and bus the tables.
- July 4th parade – This will be Good Shepherd's 5th year participating in the parade.

**Fellowship:** Pastor asked Candace to make an announcement at the next four Sunday worship services requesting a new Fellowship chairman (or event coordinator).

**Property and Long-Range Planning:** Discussion of parking lot lights. Moving ahead with the Fellowship Hall flooring – this project may be done before Easter.

**Youth:** Confirmation has been going well, and Renee has been shadowing Pastor Jeremy to learn about teaching confirmation. Youth started activities, such as bowling, game day, and possibly laser tag. Renee plans a monthly activity for youth.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

A solar company has approached Laura Mott to install solar panels on the roof - they work for non-profits, schools, etc. **MOTION** by Sue Hertless to turn this over to Tony Rogelstad and Property, that the committee review this proposal, and bring to Council; John Mott seconded; discussion; motion passed.

Kristi Buchholz requested Council members submit items for discussion to her in advance for inclusion on the meeting agenda.

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Tony Rogelstad to adjourn; Sue Hertless seconded; motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:19 PM. The next regular meeting will be April 14, 2020, 7 PM, in Fellowship Hall.

### **New COD Schedule:**

March 15: Nancy Judge  
March 22: Kristi Buchholz/Jay Neyenhouse  
March 29: Renee Reis  
April 5: Tony Rogelstad

**Reminder:** Turn in your Council reports to Laura by the Friday before the Council meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Candace Bradley  
Council Secretary