

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 13, 2020 – 7 PM via On-Line Zoom

## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC) Council was called to order via Zoom at 7:04 PM on October 13, 2020, by Kristi Buchholz, Council President.

**Present:** Pastor Jeremy Serrano, Candace Bradley, Kristi Buchholz, Mike Henry, Nancy Judge, John Mott, Laura Mott, Renee Reis

**Absent:** Sue Hertless, Jay Neyenhouse, Tony Rogelstad

**DEVOTIONS AND OPENING PRAYER** – Pastor Jeremy

## RECOGNITIONS

- Sue Hertless recognized those people who are coming early to set up for worship in the courtyard.
- Sue recognized Kathy Reis and Nancy Judge for the work they do with the beautification of the church campus.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- The Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County sent a letter to GSLC thanking us for the donation of \$300 towards their events and activities.
- Rosemary Fassel sent a card sharing her thanks and appreciation for our worship services in the courtyard during the Covid-19 pandemic. She appreciates the musicians (including Tom) who make joyous sounds!
- Laura Mott received a note from a long-time Friends Feeding Friends (FFF) client thanking Laura for her helpfulness with no prejudice, no judgment.
- Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Northern California sent a letter to GSLC thanking us for the donation of \$300 towards support of their ministry to end homelessness.
- Pastor Jeremy recognized and thanked Steven Fingerhut, a boy scout in Troop #1944, who has been meeting at Good Shepherd for at least six years, for planting six palm trees at the corner of the Fellowship Hall to use for Palm Sunday. This is Steven's Eagle Scout project!

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION** made by Laura Mott to accept the September 8, 2020 Council Minutes, as written; seconded by John Mott - motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Pastor's Report**

- Pastor Jeremy asked Council how they think worship is going. Consensus is the courtyard services are going very well; the flow, the timing all going well. A suggestion was made to possibly have one person be usher to assist those who come after the 9 AM start time in finding a chair.
- It was decided to have the Annual Meeting January 31, 2021, right after worship at 10:15 AM. Because of the pandemic, we cannot serve food. We may need to have a "hybrid" type of meeting where the information is projected up on screens. Seventy people would fit comfortably inside the church. Budget items should be to Laura by November 15, 2020. We will need to talk about salaries at the November Council meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

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

#### **Finance – Laura Mott**

- Financials are done and available for review soon.
- We recovered all funds from the bank fraud situation.

#### **Evangelism – Sue Hertless**

- Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Sue has met with the manager of Mel's Diner, and he is interested in joining with Good Shepherd to serve a Christmas Day meal for 100 people at a reduced price (normally, the meal would be \$14), or use take-out services. Sue said this event at Mel's Diner should not exceed \$1,600 without the discount; she said the money is in the 2020 Evangelism budget.

Sue reported in her written Council report that various outreach organizations, such as Friends Feeding Friends, Monument Crisis Center, and Share, etc., would be given vouchers to give to those people looking for assistance with food on Christmas Day.

**MOTION** made by Renee Reis to approve up to \$1,600 for the Mel's Diner Christmas Day dinner; **MOTION** restated to approve up to \$2,000 for the Mel's Diner Christmas Day dinner; seconded by Laura Mott - motion passed, with two nays.

#### **Stewardship – Nancy Judge**

- Nancy shared her thoughts on this year's Stewardship Drive, by keeping with the reformation celebration. When we receive our Stewardship packets, she suggests we each search our soul and ask ourselves: "What would you like to grow in yourself, your church, and your community?"

Nancy stated there are about six to ten dead azaleas down in front of the church, right next to the church pathway, and asked who should remove the dead brush, which could be a fire hazard. It was decided this situation should go through the Property Committee.

### **Social Ministry – Mike Henry**

- Mike would like to install a permanent trash can next to the Little Box of Love in the lower parking lot, as the trash is not being discarded properly - a trash can should be provided for people who are using this gift. He will discuss this idea with Tony Rogelstad, Property Committee.
- Mike stated FFF helped 3,297 people with food items in September. FFF is operating at a high level, and expecting to help even more people during the holidays.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** made by John Mott to adjourn; seconded by Pastor Jeremy - motion passed, and meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Date of next regular Council meeting – November 10, 2020, 7 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Candace Bradley, Council Secretary  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church