

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 12, 2021 – 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 7:06 PM on January 12, 2021, by Kristi Buchholz, Council President.

Present: Pastor Jeremy Serrano, Candace Bradley, Kristi Buchholz, Mike Henry, Sue Hertless, Nancy Judge, John Mott, Laura Mott, Renee Reis, Tony Rogelstad

Absent: Jay Neyenhouse

DEVOTIONS AND OPENING PRAYER – Pastor Jeremy

RECOGNITIONS

- Sue Hertless recognized Friends Feeding Friends for caring so tenderly for the disadvantaged during Christmas, and Sue thanks them for partnering with Evangelism to provide vouchers for those in need for a Christmas Day meal at Mel's Diner.
- Pastor Jeremy recognized Glen Bradley for making the new plexiglass barrier for the altar.

CORRESPONDENCE – Received a letter from Mt. Cross asking for donations to their ministries, as their outreach program has been hit particularly hard due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION made by Sue Hertless to accept the December 8, 2020 Council Minutes; seconded by Tony Rogelstad; motion passed.

- 2021 Council Positions update:

Tony Rogelstad (Property and Long-Range Planning) and Nancy Judge (Stewardship) are termed out of their Council positions. By coming into official membership by joining the church, new members may run for Council positions. Pastor Jeremy would bring their names to Council for approval. **MOTION** made by Pastor Jeremy to receive Lenny Nunez and Scott Etsel as members of the congregation; seconded by Tony Rogelstad; discussion; motion passed.

There was further discussion on others who may be interested in joining Council. Laura would need a picture and short bio of each person running for Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Pastor's Report

- Pastor Jeremy asked if we should go from a prerecorded service to Zoom. He said to switch formats would make it more communal. On January 31, the annual meeting will be an interactive Zoom meeting, with a moderator who can silence people or open it up for talking. Laura will put a reminder in the weekly email newsletter, and Pastor will announce it on Sundays. A quorum will be needed for voting.
- Pastor Jeremy reminded Council that, as a goal of the Call Committee in calling Pastor Jeremy to our church, a team be formed to create sabbatical guidelines. Pastor Jeremy requested a Mutual Ministry Committee be formed, made up of three or four people to work together on preparing some sabbatical standards and guidelines - this committee would meet once per quarter. Pastor would like to apply for a \$50,000 grant, which would need to be completed by approximately April 29. Pastor Jeremy and the committee will have something in writing to share at the annual meeting.

Annual Meeting Plans: Council is thankful and optimistic for the continued support by the congregation through the pandemic. Laura will send out the annual report and the proposed 2021 budget through the email newsletter. Anyone who has questions about the budget can submit them in advance.

President's Report

Kristi thanked Nancy and Tony, the outgoing council members, for their years of service and work for the church.

Committee Reports

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

Finance – Laura Mott

- Gordon Monroe is currently preparing the 2021 budget - Laura advised Council should meet via Zoom on January 21, 7 PM, for a budget approval meeting. She also said we are doing far better than many other churches during this pandemic.

Evangelism – Sue Hertless

- Sue reported the Christmas Day dinner went very well at Mel's Diner. The feedback is that the food was really good, and everyone who received a voucher was very appreciative.
- Tony Rogelstad's employees and our congregation brought in their cans and bottles for a redemption value of \$1,150. As a thank you, Betty Jacobsen brought Mountain Mike's Pizza to Tony's store for employees who participated.

- Sue asked Pastor Jeremy to announce that the last Sunday of the month is Noisy Offering Sunday, and asked that we put our change in a baggie and bring it to the church.

Property and Long-Range Planning – Tony Rogelstad

- Tony reported Nancy Judge’s arborist came to look at the redwood trees at the front of the church – these trees seem to be stressed. Water is the key to redwoods, and the water should go down to the roots. Nancy’s arborist will come again in June to check these redwoods.

Social Ministry – Mike Henry

- Mike reported Friends Feeding Friends is doing well.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Nancy Judge to adjourn; seconded by Tony Rogelstad; motion passed, and meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Date of next regular Council meeting – February 9, 2021, 7 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Candace Bradley, Council Secretary
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church