

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 9, 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 7:09 PM on February 9, 2021, by Kristi Buchholz, Council President.

Present: Pastor Jeremy Serrano, Candace Bradley, Kristi Buchholz, Scott Etzel, Mike Henry, Sue Hertless, John Mott, Laura Mott, Renee Reis

Absent: Leone McCullough, Jay Neyenhouse

DEVOTIONS AND OPENING PRAYER – Pastor Jeremy

RECOGNITIONS

- Sue Hertless recognized Kristi Buchholz for doing such a great job at the Annual Meeting.
- Sue recognized and said we are proud of the 25 people who participated at the Annual Meeting via Zoom, and who asked very good questions.
- Pastor Jeremy recognized Gordon Monroe for working the budget and always doing a fine job.

CORRESPONDENCE – Received a letter from Mt. Cross Ministries thanking GSLC for our generous support during 2020, which helped them sustain their ministries.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION made by Sue Hertless to accept the January 12, 2021 Council Minutes; seconded by Kristi Buchholz; motion passed (1 abstention).

MOTION made by Sue Hertless to accept the January 21, 2021, Proposed 2021 Budget and Sabbatical Resolution Motion Minutes; seconded by Candace Bradley; motion passed.

MOTION made by Candace Bradley to accept the January 31, 2021 Sixty-Seventh Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes; seconded by Sue Hertless; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Council Discussion

President (Kristi Buchholz), Vice President (John Mott), Secretary (Candace Bradley), and one Member-at-Large (Sue Hertless) comprise the Executive Council. It was decided all current Executive Council members will continue in their positions.

Mike Henry will now chair Property and Long-Range Planning.

Scott Etzel (new Council member) will chair Social Ministry, and has already shared some ideas he has for this position!

Leone McCullough (new Council member) will chair Worship and Music.

Pastor's Report

- Discussion on how the Annual Meeting went via Zoom, and what items we have to respond to and take action on. There is concern regarding communication with people who do not have computer capabilities and devices, and who would prefer paper copies. Scott suggested a telephone tree, and described different methods used for this purpose. Council identified some members who may be interested in being on the receiving end of a telephone tree.
- Pastor Jeremy said he was happy a couple of people stood up at the Annual Meeting and supported his request and thoughts about a sabbatical, and implementing a sabbatical policy. During the Call Committee process, it was decided we should form a committee to write a sabbatical policy for the church.

- **Sabbatical Policy**

Mutual Ministry Committee (Renee Reis, Candace Bradley, and Tony Rogelstad) – Pastor Jeremy said, during his sabbatical, he will be working on “health” with his wife, his family, and health in general. He said he hopes the interim pastor will work on congregational health while he/she is here.

MOTION made by Renee Reis to pass the Sabbatical Leave Policy; seconded by Kristi Buchholz; motion passed.

- Ash Wednesday is next week, and we cannot meet in person. Pastor Jeremy suggested we do “ashes to go” at the church. He would wear a mask and non-latex gloves, and people could drive up into the parking lot for him to impose the ashes. His thought is to set up in the morning (9 AM to 10 AM), and again in the evening (7 PM to 8 PM). Laura will advertise “ashes to go” in the weekly newsletter.

Committee Reports

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

Finance – Laura Mott

- Laura reported we received notice from Bank of America for steps to receive forgiveness of the loan, so she will start that process soon.
- Laura reported the budget is going forward, and financial giving statements are going out this weekend.
- Scott Etzel had a question on the budget about the cell towers, and Laura clarified that for him.

Evangelism – Sue Hertless

Sue reported Good Shepherd will be hosting Winter Nights June 7th through 11th at United Methodist Church (UMC). However, this year churches cannot use their volunteers to care for the families. The meals must be purchased from restaurants and delivered to UMC. To help with the cost, UMC plans to have a walk from UMC to Todos Santos Park on April 11th at 1 PM. They will need walkers, sponsors for the walkers, and people who will just want to pledge money. Pastor Jeremy said he will walk and make a video asking congregational members to help by sponsoring him. We need to raise \$2,000.

Property and Long-Range Planning – Mike Henry

Kitchen updates: Kristi reported she received a message from Dana Deniston inquiring if a three-compartment sink (approximately \$1,000) and a dishwasher (approximately \$3,000) can be installed in the church kitchen. Kristi will forward Dana's message to Mike.

Social Ministry – Scott Etzel

Scott asked if there has been discussion about when we can return to indoor services. As an action item, Scott will keep the Council apprised of how the Covid-19 rates are doing, and describe steps we can take to get back to indoor church services.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Kristi Buchholz to adjourn; seconded by Sue Hertless; motion passed, and meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Candace Bradley, Council Secretary
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church