

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 13, 2021 – 7 PM via Online Zoom

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC) Council was called to order via Zoom at 7:03 PM on April 13, 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: Jay Neyenhouse

DEVOTIONS AND OPENING PRAYER – Pastor Jeremy

RECOGNITIONS

- Scott Etzel recognized Dana Deniston and the Friends Feeding Friends (FFF) volunteers for their ongoing service to the community with the FFF programs distributing food and furnishings to those in need.
- Pastor Jeremy recognized Glen Bradley who fixed the plumbing fixtures inside the parsonage, and for disposing of old paint left in the church.
- Pastor Jeremy recognized Mike Henry and David Henry for painting the curb outside the church (yellow); and Mike cleaned up the lower parking lot of the bigger garbage, such as tires.
- Sue Hertless recognized Laura Mott for making the Food Distribution List for Walnut Creek, Concord, Martinez, Pleasant Hill, and Pittsburg that was available for the Winter Nights Resource Table for the walk-a-thon to Todo Santos Park on Sunday. Laura also suggested the walkers wear vests that display why we are walking and who we are. She designed the vest and printed it out. Sue and Betty Jacobsen assembled 37 vests for the walk-a-thon.
- Sue Hertless recognized Pastor Jeremy for making videos to raise money for food for Winter Nights shelter families. Pastor's support helped them meet their target!

CORRESPONDENCE – None

OLD BUSINESS

- **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION made by Sue Hertless to accept the March 9, 2021 Council Minutes; seconded by Renee Reis; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Pastor's Report

- Discussion of having our services in the courtyard, and how it went for Easter Sunday. Scott mentioned the wine/bread is interesting. Seating was fine. It was decided we will order wine instead of grape juice for communion. We will check the weather for Sunday services outside, and keep the start time at 10 AM.

Committee Reports

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

Finance – Laura Mott

- Laura reported Finance decided to switch FFF from a debit card to a credit card for their purchases. Dana will attach her receipts and balance the items, then pass to Laura for processing.

Evangelism – Sue Hertless

- Sue reported Carol and Mike Curtis asked on the walk-a-thon if they could paint the sign down by the street at no charge. Sue will give Carol Mike Henry's phone number for them to discuss. Pastor Jeremy said we should put our address, phone number, and our website on this sign for the future.

Property and Long-Range Planning – Mike Henry

- Mike reported he received a proposal from C&H Plumbing for the **kitchen upgrades**. The installation of a three-compartment sink that will meet County Health Code requirements is necessary. The estimate is between \$5,000 to \$6,000 for basically labor only, and does not include a new dishwasher, sinks, faucets, or permits. The estimate excludes any possible work required to modify the cabinets, correction of non-code compliant conditions, such as plumbing, concrete floor cutting, or tile floor replacement, if required.
- Mike reported he is aware of an updated proposal from Mortensen Roofing dated November 10, 2020, for the **Fellowship Hall re-roof project**. This proposal supersedes the previous proposal dated January 3, 2019. The increase in costs is approximately 22 percent.
- Mike reported he contacted the Property Committee members and forwarded the **Dish Network Entry and Testing Agreement** to them for review and comment. Several committee members responded with concerns about a Hold-Harmless Clause that was missing from the agreement, and the need for some COIs from them for General Liability, Auto, but mainly Workers Compensation Insurance. Mike has forwarded those requests to the Dish Network representative.

Social Ministry – Scott Etzel

- Scott reported the existing freezer that failed was replaced with a new 21-cu.-foot upright unit at a cost of \$1,007. Unfortunately, about 200 pounds of meat was lost due to the unplanned thaw. The new unit can be converted from freezer to refrigerator, as needed.
- Scott reported FFF provided food for 3,780 people; furnished six households; distributed clothes, new pillows, new fillable water bottles, baby equipment, books, walkers, household items, hygiene supplies, and new leather gloves to pantry clients; and provided cold drinks twice for 165 shelter clients.
- Scott reported he worked with Laura to get the church phone tree up and running. First contact was to provide update for Easter Sunday services (in person and outdoors).

Laura reported some groups have been calling the church office to inquire as to when they can meet at the church again, due to the Covid-19 restrictions beginning to be lifted.

Discussion on whether we need to keep the COD position every Sunday, or maybe it is time to reevaluate this duty. Pastor Jeremy will send out the digital copy of the COD duties to Council for input and updates.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Kristi Buchholz to adjourn; seconded by Sue Hertless; motion passed, and meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Date of next regular Council meeting – May 11, 2021, 7 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Candace Bradley, Council Secretary
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