

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 11, 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 7:08 PM on May 11, 2021, by Kristi Buchholz, Council President.

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

Absent: Mike Henry, Jay Neyenhouse

DEVOTIONS AND OPENING PRAYER – Pastor Jeremy

RECOGNITIONS

- Sue Hertless recognized Laura Mott for help and support with the food resource list and the vests for Winter Nights walkers – it was greatly appreciated! United Methodist Church thanks Laura for her work and efforts as well!
- Sue also recognized and thanks the people who walked: Lisa and Mike Henry, Susan Metzger, Nancy Judge, Pastor Jeremy, and Sue Hertless, with thanks to Betty Jacobsen who worked the resource table and took pictures.
- Pastor Jeremy recognized Glen Bradley who repaired and replaced plumbing in the room below the parsonage to stave off an emergency.
- Renee Reis recognized Glen Bradley for fixing the toilet in the downstairs women's restroom.

CORRESPONDENCE

- We received a letter from California Reentry Institute (CRI) thanking us for our donation of \$1,279.12 for their program inside San Quentin, and reentry program outside of San Quentin. Through contributions, and upon reentry outside, CRI is able to provide the majority of these men with a roof over their head for a minimum of six months rent free so that they can get on their feet. Once outside of San Quentin, they are all provided with a Welcome Home packet that includes a prepaid cell phone; clothing and shoes; backpacks; and a bag for their personal belongings. CRI also provides each with a towel, washcloth, pillow, blanket, sheets and pillowcase, and \$200 to help with a much-needed fresh start in life.
- We received a thank-you letter from Bay Area Crisis Nursery Center for our recent donation of \$300 for outreach ministries.

- Pastor Jeremy recognized receiving a resignation letter of membership from Gary and Linda Mahloch.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION made by Laura Mott to accept the April 13, 2021 Council Minutes; seconded by Kristi Buchholz; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Pastor's Report

- Discussion on Bishop-elect Dr. Megan Rohrer's installation, and her relationship with LGBTQ. Her installation will take place September 11, 2021, at St. Matthew's Church. Discussion on ideas we may have or anticipate coming about within our congregation because of Dr. Rohrer's LGBTQ background.

Scott said you anticipate, plan, and prepare – so, what is the anticipation of the congregation? He said, as a Council, our role may be to educate in terms of how to process this information, and go forward abounding in steadfast love. Possibly have a focus group or talk session, to bring out the broader context of what this means.

Sue suggested looking at U-tube videos to get more helpful information.

Pastor Jeremy said we could hold three sessions: first session - just to listen to the congregation; second session - hear any questions; third session - address these questions. Inform the congregation of the purpose of these sessions, and schedule them after church. Pastor Jeremy said he only would know who writes the letters, but would not use names at the sessions. The goal is to try to find a way to co-exist.

Kristi said we should use the phone tree for those who do not use a computer, or they can write their questions and submit to Pastor Jeremy.

Laura asked if we would be talking about this in the religious realm or today's world. Pastor Jeremy said it hits home with people when it is part of their religious faith.

Pastor Jeremy suggests the first listening session be held **June 6** or 13.

President's Report

Kristi is reworking the COD duties.

Committee Reports

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

Finance – Laura Mott

- Laura reported that reports will be ready Thursday.
- Laura reported the outside groups are coming back to our campus, and are extremely happy to do so. The two regular groups will be back soon. She reported there is a new group who wants to come on Monday nights, and she told them she would talk with Council first. Laura would give them keys and codes. She would prefer to wait with this new group until the state opens up more from the pandemic. Pastor Jeremy supports Laura's thoughts on this new group, so she will ask them to wait for another month or two.

Evangelism – Sue Hertless

- Sue reported donations totaling \$2,400 were received for the Winter Nights walk. In addition to that, Buttercup said they will provide the meals on June 7 through 12 in a family fashion. Kinders will provide the meal on June 13. The owner will give us a 30-percent discount.
- Sue reported they had their third Zoom call with the El Salvador team. This call was concerning as Bishop Medardo was deeply concerned with President Bukele, as he has increased the debt in ways that has alarmed the people. They also talked about Covid in El Salvador, and the need for more vaccines.
- Sue informed Bishop Medardo that we would be making 10 stoles for pastors in El Salvador as they become installed as pastors.

Social Ministry – Scott Etzel

- Scott reported the April summary from Dana Deniston for Friends Feeding Friends (FFF) is they provided food for 3,062 people and furnished 11 households.
- Cheyanne Electric was hired to do the electrical work on the freezer to add the coolant (will come from Property Committee budget).
- TBorde Fitness held a fundraiser to provide money for FFF – they raised over \$2,000!
- Donated desserts to the shelter clients, and distributed clothes and household items to pantry clients.
- Delivered groceries to seniors who lack transportation.
- Northern California BIG DOG (Day of Giving) was May 6 – Lutheran Social Services (LSS) raised \$6,000.

- Lutheran Office of Public Policy – California Lutheran Lobby Day is May 19. This will be a Zoom meeting again.
- Scott started dialog with the American Red Cross for a blood drive on campus this year. No specific date yet.

Update on the Synod Assembly:

Laura thought the Synod Assembly was a smooth and well-done presentation on Zoom. Scott inquired how many resolutions were passed. There was discussion as to leave and family time for pastors.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Kristi Buchholz to adjourn; seconded by Sue Hertless; motion passed, and meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Date of next regular Council meeting – June 8, 2021, 7 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Candace Bradley, Council Secretary
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