

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 10, 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 7:07 PM on August 10, 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 (excused)

**DEVOTIONS AND OPENING PRAYER** – Pastor Jeremy

## RECOGNITIONS

- John Mott recognized Pastor Jeremy for helping put away the coffee and containers after coffee hour last Sunday.
- Laura Mott recognized Sue Hertless for ***always*** helping out, when there is a need. Thank you, Sue, for all that you do for us!
- Laura Mott recognized and thanks Susan Metzger for posting the offerings this year.
- Sue Hertless recognized and thanks both Pastor Katie Holeman and Rev. Katy Grindberg for filling in for Pastor Jeremy while he was on vacation. Both pastors did a great job with service and the sermon.
- Sue Hertless recognized and thanks Elsie, Ellen, Laura, Candace, and Betty for helping make the El Salvador stoles.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION** made by Scott Etzel to accept the July 13, 2021 Council Minutes; seconded by Renee Reis; motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Pastor's Report**

- Pastor Jeremy would like to update our welcome statement, and requested Council's input on formulating and writing this statement. Laura suggests a statement that is fewer in words, than longer. Pastor would like to include BIPOC (black indigenous and people of color) and the LGBTQ community in the welcome statement, to make them feel welcome. Pastor suggests that Council members send him their suggestions.
- Discussion on branding our church community, by creating a recognizable logo we can use in all of our media and platforms, using Design Crowd.com. Mike said Property Committee would like to update the sign below the church on Clayton Road, and maybe we could incorporate a new logo onto this wooden sign.

**MOTION** made by Pastor Jeremy to spend up to \$600 to use Design Crowd.com to receive designs for a new church logo; discussion; seconded by Sue Hertless; motion passed.

### **President's Report**

Pastor Jeremy suggested Kristi make Sunday announcements about volunteering for our church ministries. Laura suggested Kristi say that a short training session can be given for new volunteers.

### **Committee Reports**

*Please see the individual committee reports; if any questions, see Council Secretary. Some additional discussion occurred on the following topics:*

#### **Finance – Laura Mott**

- Laura reported we are down approximately \$7,000, mostly from investments and facility use. However, spending is also down, which is helpful. We expect by the end of the year the loss will be made up.
- We are still waiting for the PPP loan decision to be received from the SBA.
- Waiting for the Sabbatical grant decision, so the Finance Team can create the financing plan.

#### **Evangelism – Sue Hertless**

- Sue reported Pastor Christian Chavarria will be visiting Good Shepherd from September 3-11. He will be preaching a sermon on September 5, giving a presentation on "The Ministry of the El Salvador Lutheran Church" at 12 noon, with a lunch at 1 PM. Sue said Synod churches and local churches have received invitations to attend. Those attending must RSVP to have an accurate count. Pastor Christian is representing Bishop Medardo, as he cannot come due to health issues.

## **Property and Long-Range Planning – Mike Henry**

- Mike reported the team's projects are all slow-moving projects at this point. Mike feels he will have more information for Council at next month's meeting, and hopefully have motions ready to be voted on to move some projects forward.
- Mike reported AT&T would like to do a site survey and have us sign an application form for the City of Concord to replace their antenna equipment – they assured us there is no new look to that, other than it will be newer equipment.

## **Social Ministry – Scott Etzel**

- Scott reported the blood drive is still scheduled for this month, and that we need more people to sign up.

**Future meetings:** Due to COVID, we will continue zooming for our Council meetings, at this time.

**Coffee updates:** We need volunteers to set up and take down coffee-hour supplies. Pastor Jeremy said he would make the coffee each week because he is here, if someone would pick up the donuts to help out.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** made by Kristi Buchholz to adjourn; seconded by Pastor Jeremy; motion passed, and meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Date of next regular Council meeting – September 14, 2021, 7 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Candace Bradley, Council Secretary  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church