

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 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 7:05 PM on November 9, 2021, by Kristi Buchholz, Council President.

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

Absent: Sue Hertless, Jay Neyenhouse (excused)

DEVOTIONS AND OPENING PRAYER – Pastor Jeremy

RECOGNITIONS

- Pastor Jeremy recognized Candace Bradley for the work she did in the All Saints' service.
- Scott Etzel recognized Dana Deniston and the Friends Feeding Friends (FFF) volunteers for their ongoing service to the community with FFF programs distributing food, clothing, and furnishings to those in need.
- Mike Henry recognized and thanks Glen Bradley for replacing the garbage disposal.
- Laura Mott recognized John Mott for printing the assisting minister's bulletin for Candace for All Saints' Sunday – it has been a long time since we have had an assisting minister!
- Kristi Buchholz recognized and thanks Laura for sending out the weekly email blast indicating who would be in the service that week.

Council discussed the results of the survey monkey for the LBGTQ survey made available for parishioners. Overall, the congregation is positive with diversity within Good Shepherd.

CORRESPONDENCE – We received a thank-you note from Paula Allen, Troop Committee Chair, and Sheila Rowntree, Scoutmaster, Troop 1994, as they held their Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony on Saturday, October 2, 2021, in our Fellowship Hall. They made a donation of \$250.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION made by Kristi Buchholz to accept the October 19, 2021 Council Minutes, as amended by Pastor Jeremy; seconded by Renee Reis; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Pastor's Report

- Pastor Jeremy reported he has found someone who is available and willing to serve Good Shepherd part-time during the summer while Pastor Jeremy is on his sabbatical leave (June 5, 2022 through August 29, 2022). Council would like to meet with Rev. Brandon Peck before offering him to the congregation for this position. Pastor Jeremy will invite Rev. Peck to our December Council meeting so that we can meet him, and ask a few questions to get to know him better.
- Pastor Jeremy reported he received Council's vote for Good Shepherd's new logo; discussion. Council chose four logos to bring to the congregation for their approval.
- Earlier in the pandemic, Good Sheperd's FFF ministry was temporarily given Classroom 3 for use. With Sunday School resuming, FFF was asked to have Classroom 3 cleaned out within six weeks so that Sunday School could resume in this room.

Should we remodel the Fireside Room, or ask FFF to meet the requested deadline?

When was the last time the fire inspector visited the campus?

What would our liability be if Council were not taking an active role in the status of FFF storage areas? What about injury?

We as a council will go through all rooms of the church and evaluate their status and usage.

Office staff should have key access to our FFF rooms, and keep those keys locked in the safe. We will also look into Luther Hall.

Pastor Jeremy will make a doodle poll to find a Sunday when Council can view rooms on the campus, and send to Council.

President's Report

Kristi reported she is looking forward to the "council makeup" next year. She inquired as to who would be termed out. Laura reported four Council Member terms expire January 2022:

Candace Bradley, Mike Henry*, Sue Hertless, John Mott

*Mike Henry is completing his first three-year term - he can run for a second term.

Candace Bradley, Sue Hertless, and John Mott have fulfilled two consecutive three-year terms.

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 she is working on the financial reports, and, when done, will send them out to Council.
- Should we have a separate budget meeting dedicated to discussion? It was decided yes, we should.

Fellowship

Candace reported food items for Jauire Welsh's memorial reception have been planned.

Property and Long-Range Planning – Mike Henry

- Mike reported the kitchen plans have been submitted to Contra Costa Environmental Health Agency for review/comments/approval. Mike said the plumber will need about \$8,000 up front to start the work.

Mike asked if we need approval from Finance for the kitchen funds. Laura said Finance does not approve, they recommend. Mike will get the plans from the plumber.

- Mike reported the DISH Network staff is meeting with the Property team tomorrow.
- Mike reported November 18 is the next scheduled Property Committee meeting.

Renee Reis asked that the weeds on the hill next to the Fellowship Hall be picked, because Kathy Reis, who has been using the weed-eater there, has an arm injury.

Stewardship – Pastor Jeremy

Pastor Jeremy reported the stewardship program will be December 5, and will be a part of the liturgy.

Social Ministry – Scott Etzel

- Scott reported the FFF summary for October 2021 included:
 - ❖ Provided groceries to help 3,884 people.
 - ❖ Prepared 98 hot meals for unhoused clients.
 - ❖ Distributed furnishings for nine households (pictures of one posted on FFF Facebook page).
 - ❖ Delivered extra food, linens, grooming supplies, and nutritional drinks several times to the shelter.

- ❖ Submitted final report to the Food Bank for their \$2,000 Agency Enhancement Grant (originally applied for this grant to help wire a dedicated circuit for use of a donated commercial freezer).
- ❖ FFF now recovering groceries from Dollar General in addition to Nob Hill at no cost, enabling them to provide more quality food for needy clients. This also helps keep good food out of the landfill. Adding Dollar General was not possible without the use of the new commercial freezer since most food they provide is frozen. On average, FFF is now receiving more than 1,200 lbs. of food each week.
- ❖ FFF account balances as of September 30 are \$45,520.48 (DSP) and Building Fund is \$20,821.13.

Worship and Music – Pastor Jeremy

Pastor Jeremy reported John Yeh will be with us for Christmas Eve services and once per month to play the piano and organ.

Youth – Renee Reis

- Renee reported there are four youth in confirmation classes now.
- Renee said she will talk with Laura about the budget for the youth trip to Minnesota next year.

Candace reminded Council that, for the October, November, and December 2021 Council meetings (and the annual meeting in January), this serves as a reminder to Council the congregation needs to vote for Synod delegates from our church who will vote and represent us at the Synod Assembly to be held June 1-4, 2022, in Reno, Nevada.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Kristi Buchholz to adjourn; seconded by Laura Mott; motion passed, and meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Candace Bradley, Council Secretary
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church