

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Special Congregational Meeting
Constitution Revision
Third-Term Limit Expansion
Sunday, February 6, 2022 – 11:10 AM
Sanctuary

The Special Congregational Meeting to approve the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC) Constitution revision to decrease the number of Council members and add a third-term limit was called to order at 11:10 AM on February 6, 2022, by Kristi Buchholz, Council President.

Opening Prayer – Pastor Jeremy Serrano

MOTION made by Marcia Sander to accept the agenda; seconded by Mark Deniston; motion passed.

A quorum was present.

MOTION made by Kristi Buchholz to present the motion to amend the Constitution; seconded by Marcia Sander:

Shall read: "...Council requires not more than 12 nor fewer than 9 members of the congregation..."

MOTION made by Marcia Sander to amend the first motion and decrease the minimum number of Council members to 8; seconded by Greg Buchholz; discussion:

Marcia commented instead of 9 members minimum, she would like to see 8 members.

Elsie Witt said, regarding the minimum number of Council members, the motion should stay at 9 because sometimes "even" numbers on councils cannot be broken with "even" numbers voting, it should be an "odd" number, like 9.

Kathy Reis said we should decrease the number to 7 instead of 8.

Nancys Judge said pre-pandemic, our congregation was 70 people, and that would be 1 person per every 10 people - she believes the number should be lowered.

Marcia said one of the members on council does not vote. Pastor Jeremy said the treasurer does not have a vote. Kristi clarified only 7 of those 8 could vote.

Kristi moved to vote for Marcia's amendment "...Council requires not more than 12 nor fewer than 8 members of the congregation..."; motion passed, 26 yeas (1 on-line); 1 nay; no abstentions.

FURTHERMORE, the congregation shall approve a one additional 3-year term, in addition to the current two 3-year terms. Thus, allowing for a total of three 3-year terms for each Council member; discussion:

Jessica Serrano said in a small church there are a small number of people doing the work and risk burnout. She said we should have those boundaries so that members do not burn out.

Mark Deniston said he thinks raising the term limits is a good thing as we have a good council, and we have a small church – he, too, is concerned about burnout.

Kristi clarified that you would not have to serve three terms, you can stop after one term.

Approval passed; 26 yeas (3 on-line); 4 nays.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Kristi Buchholz to adjourn meeting at 11:25 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Candace Bradley, Council Secretary
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church