

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 21, 2022 – 7 PM via Zoom

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC) Council was called to order at 7:01 PM on June 21, 2022, by Kristi Buchholz, Council President.

Present: Pastor Brandon Peck (Sabbatical Pastor), Candace Bradley, Kristi Buchholz, Scott Etzel, Mike Henry, Renee Reis

Excused: Pastor Jeremy Serrano, Sue Hertless, Laura Mott

DEVOTIONS AND OPENING PRAYER – Pastor Brandon Peck

RECOGNITIONS

- 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.
- Scott Etzel recognized and thanks Jamie Rodemsky for his efforts to clear the Fellowship Hall motion alarm sensor, restore the service, and set the building alarm. Jamie is an amazing resource and deserves recognition for his assistance with this incident, and in general. Jamie shared quite a bit of knowledge about the campus fire and security alarm systems with Scott while they (mostly Jamie) worked on the alarm issue.
- Sue Hertless recognized and thanks those who helped with Pastor Jeremy's going-away luncheon before his sabbatical – they are: Teresa Blouin, Jamie Rodemsky, Alan Lester, Betty Jacobsen, Elsie Witt, Candace Bradley, Greg and Kristi Buchholz, Ron and Mary Figueroa, Kathy and Renee Reis, Marcia Sander, Mike Henry, Nancy Judge, Scott Etzel, Susan Metzger, and Richard Hertless.
- Sue Hertless recognized and thanks those who helped with the preparation and lunch honoring Pastor Christian Chavarria from El Salvador – they are: Alan Lester, Ron and Mary Figueroa, Richard Hertless, Betty Jacobsen, Teresa Blouin, Lenny Nunez, Vic Reyer, Candace Bradley, Elsie Witt, Ione Bantly, Greg and Kristi Buchholz, Jamie Rodemsky, and Marcia Sander.
- Mike Henry recognized Scott Etzel for responding to the recent after-hours alarm, and working with Jamie Rodemsky on the alarm system.
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- Renee Reis recognized and thanks Candace Bradley for typing the draft pastoral review, monthly Council calendar, and church organization chart for Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Scott reported that we received a thank-you message from Dana Deniston (FFF) that said the food bank delivered two pallets (150 boxes) of supplemental food, and Don moved them into Leida's former office. Dana said please thank the Council for us for allocating more storage space. We started distributing the boxes today. These boxes are given to us for free, and they will allow us to get more food out to our clients!

OLD BUSINESS

- **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION made by Kristi Buchholz to accept the May 10, 2022 Council Minutes; seconded by Renee Reis; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Pastor's Report – Pastor Brandon Peck

- Pastor Brandon reported that he will be away for one Sunday, August 21, and the Rev. Sara Wilson, Associate Director of Seminary Relations at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, has agreed to preach and preside that day.
- Pastor Brandon extends his deepest gratitude to our community as we have continued to welcome him into this space. He looks forward to the next two months together.

President's Report – Kristi Buchholz

- Kristi said it is nice to see people wearing masks in church services to help curb the spread of Covid.

Committee Reports

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

Property and Long-Range Planning – Mike Henry

- Mike reported his team made a big push to get the air conditioning in the Fellowship Hall and classrooms working.
- Mike reported his team determined the Sanctuary air conditioning problem, and also fixed the coolant leak and replaced all filters. They still need the recirculating pump motor replaced as the air conditioning unit only works when the pump is operational. The pump motor is due to ship July 17, with an estimated 7- to 10-day shipping time.
- Mike said he would like to have AED training again. Kristi said she will look for someone to come in and train us. Scott said we should also check the condition of the AED pads.

Social Ministry – Scott Etzel

- Scott reported we should check the status of moving the FFF food distribution into the adjacent office, and out of the kitchen. Kristi said she will talk with Dana to touch base on this move. Scott stated we would like to purchase a mini-fridge for use by office staff.
- Scott reported he would like to lobby to get the Red Cross here for a blood drive, but their concern is the heat in the Fellowship Hall during the summer months, so he is considering October instead.

Worship and Music – Pastor Brandon Peck

- Pastor Brandon said he will touch base with Tom Deans Flegel to see how music and liturgy might work better.

Discussion Items

Synod Happenings: Discussion on the Synod situation with Bishop Rohrer's resignation. Pastor Brandon said he thinks we should focus on what our church is doing, as none of us know the information that is being handled at the appropriate level. If there are no questions from the congregation, then maybe we should not send out any type of communication; and, if there are questions, we can share the St. Matthew's communication Scott received and forwarded to Council. Discussion about an interim Bishop's term. Interim Bishops would not normally impact our congregation. Bishop Rohrer is scheduled to preach the day Pastor Jeremy returns from his Sabbatical. Kristi asked if we should speak with someone from the Synod office about canceling or keeping that preaching date, and a pulpit supply suggestion. Pastor Brandon said he would be happy to talk with the Synod office.

Draft Pastoral Review: From two suggested Pastoral Reviews, Candace created one draft document. Discussion about finalizing the draft at the next meeting and putting out a timeline for acceptance of this review. Kristi said we should review this form together; share with Pastor Jeremy and get his thoughts; in October come to a final agreement on this document; and in November set goals. Kristi said we can then implement this Pastoral Review form in June 2023. It was determined that we will go forward with this timeline.

Can Council Members be on the Executive Committee and Mutual Ministry Committee concurrently? Renee said she thinks the goal is to invite other people to be on the Mutual Ministry (MM) Committee after the current members (Renee Reis, Tony Rogelstad, and Candace Bradley) end their 2-year term. It was decided the MM committee will stay as is for now.

Clarify Bookkeeper/Treasurer/Financial Chair Roles: Do we need two different people to be Treasurer and Finance Chairman? Discussion. It was decided we leave as is for now.

Sue requested the **Lord's Supper painting**, signed by Pastor Christian Chavarria and given to Good Shepherd during his last visit, be hung in the Fellowship Hall on the wall as you come out of the kitchen to the left, between the kitchen and the first closet door. **MOTION** made by Kristi Buchholz to hang the Lord's Supper painting, in Sue's designated location in the Fellowship Hall; seconded by Renee Reis; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Kristi Buchholz to adjourn; seconded by Mike Henry; motion passed, and meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Date of next regular Council meeting – July 21, 2022, 7 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Candace Bradley, Council Secretary
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Continuing Agenda Items/Action Items:

- **Action Item:** Add goal setting to a summertime council agenda.
- **Continuing Agenda Item:** Research to see if Council members can be on the Executive Committee and the Mutual Ministry Committee concurrently.
- **Continuing Agenda Item:** Draft Pastoral Review
- **Continuing Agenda Item:** Council's Monthly Calendar (Candace)

20 June 2022

I am quickly approaching the end of my first month at Good Shepherd, and have been grateful for the warm welcome I have received, and the assistance of many in helping me to get settled and to feel comfortable. On 28 May, I was installed as the sabbatical pastor and Jeremy was blessed on his last Sunday for the summer. On 5 June, Rev. Christian Chavarria from the Lutheran Church in El Salvador was our preacher, and I presided for my first Sunday as the sabbatical pastor. We celebrated our partnership in ministry with a wonderful lunch and fellowship with each other. In addition to Sunday's, I have been spending Wednesday mornings in the office working with Jenna to finalize bulletins, writing sermons, and making myself available to those who might want or need to connect.

I feel I am still trying to find a preaching voice that resonates with this community. I believe that as a preacher, I am called not to proclaim generic messages of the gospel, but specific proclamations for a specific community. I am grateful for all of those who have been listening as I get used to a new community with their own needs, hopes, joys, and sorrows, and they get used to a different preaching style and voice.

I virtually attended the Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly the first week of June. I have mentioned this in a sermon. Other than what I have said, I am not entirely aware of what folks know about what has happened. I am open to conversation if the council wishes to discuss a written response or letter to the congregation. I, personally, have been taking the approach that emphasizes our ongoing ministry that will remain unchanged during this time, and looking at the larger system that created these issues, rather than this particular instance of events.

I remain open to feedback this summer if there are things that people would like done differently or something new we would like to try. I will continue to work with Jenna and Tom. We have missed the psalm a couple of times, and part of that is not having clear communication regarding music. I continue to ask for grace and forgiveness and we get more familiar with each other.

I will be out of town on Sunday 21 August. The Rev. Sara Wilson, Associate Director of Seminary Relations at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary has agreed to preach and preside for you all that day. She is a gifted preacher, a wonderful spirit, and colleague of both Jeremy and myself.

I extend my deepest gratitude to this community as you have continued to welcome me into this space. I look forward to the next two months together.

With gratitude,

The Rev. Brandon Peck



Date: 06/21/22

Team: Property

Name: Mike Henry

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

Scott / For responding to the recent after-hours alarm and working with Jamie on the System

Jamie / For working with Scott on the Alarm System

PAST EVENTS/ ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Repaired AC Unit for Fellowship Hall

Repaired AC Unit for Classrooms

Determined Sanctuary AC problem, fix coolant leak and replaced all filters (We still need the recirculating pump motor replaced as the AC unit works only when the pump is operational. The pump motor is due to ship 7/17 with an estimated 7-10 shipping time. Property is looking into alternative vendor that suggested he could provide the pump in 5 days. We have already paid Cal-Steam \$2,284.00 up front however based on having to potentially struggle with a hot Sanctuary for another month, we may have the other vendor order the pump and hopefully not have a problem getting a refund from Cal-Steam who has made multiple promises that the pump was just a few days out over the course of the past 4 months.

Replace defective dimmer in Fellowship Hall for the (2) light fixtures nearest the storage room

UPCOMING EVENTS/GOALS:

Sanctuary AC repair as noted above

Flag Pole maintenance / repair

Re-Roof Project to begin late July or early August

Misc. aggregate repairs to eliminate tripping hazard

Backflow Preventer repair

LONG TERM GOALS: [Events or goals that extend beyond 2 months. Include dates.]

New Sign @ Clayton Road (Still waiting on design drawings and pricing from second vendor

Kitchen Remodel moving still moving slowly through CCEH plan check

CONCERNS: [Any concerns for the upcoming months]

What actions, if any, are taking toward the space use reallocations

OTHER COMMENTS: [Any other comments]

I think we should have another training sessions on how to use the AED asap.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:



Date: June 21, 2022

Team: Evangelism

Name: Sue Hertless

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

On June 5, we celebrated in the courtyard a luncheon for Pastor Jeremy Serrano and family being able to go on a three month sabbatical. Pastor Jeremy and Jessica were given each a wind resistant umbrella which they will need in Scotland and Disney World. A BIG THANK YOU for the many hands that make the work look easy. Teresa Blouin, Jamie Rodemsky, Alan Lester, Betty Jacobsen, Elsie Witt, Candace Bradley, Greg and Kristi Buchholz, Ron and Mary Figueroa, Kathy and Renee Reis, Marcia Sander, Mike Henry, Nancy Judge, Scott Etzel, Susan Metzger, and Richard Hertless.

On Pentecost Sunday June 12, we celebrated having Pastor Christian Chavarria here at Good Shepherd. We had a beautiful delicious lunch cooked by chefs Lenny Nunez and Vic Reyer from St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Our own Teresa Blouin assisted the chefs in the kitchen. Our congregation pitched in and with homemade desserts and many hands that decorated Fellowship to look special. Thank you to Alan Lester, Ron and Mary Figueroa, Richard Hertless, Betty Jacobsen, Teresa Blouin, Lenny Nunez, Vic Reyer, Candace Bradley, Elsie Witt, Ione Bantly, Greg and Kristi Buchholz, Jamie Rodemsky, and Marcia Sander.

PAST EVENTS/ ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Attended the Synod Assembly as a visitor. Represented Global Mission Advocacy Team, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, and SPS Women of Evangelical Church in America. Hosted Pastor Christian Chavarria at Lord of Mercy Lutheran Church in Sparks, Nevada on Friday, June 3rd.

Pastor Christian Chavarria gave our congregation an update on our Sister Parrish Resurrection Lutheran Church in El Salvador. The El Salvador Synod Council met on June 10th and approved a constitution to be brought to the Synod Assembly this September to be ratified. At the Synod Assembly in September the Resurrection Church will be celebrating 50 years of being a church. A big celebration is being planned. A good time to go to El Salvador.

The school scholarship program is doing well we have 78 children going to the Lutheran School because of this program. We will be working with other churches who expressed interest to gain more children into the Lutheran School K-12.

UPCOMING EVENTS/GOALS:

Sue is going to the border in El Paso for an immigration immersion trip on June 18 and returning on June 25th. She will have much to tell us when she returns.

Sue has a list of Pastor who signed up at Synod Assembly to get more information about how their church can help El Salvador. She will be contacting those Pastors to discuss some possibilities to visit El Salvador or to bring Pastor Christian back to the SPS to work in their congregations.

LONG TERM GOALS:

Sue will be attending the En Quattro in El Salvador on November 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th for Sister Parish Churches from all over the world who have a Sister Parish in El Salvador. New visions and goals will be established for the next 4 years.

CONCERNS: [Any concerns for the upcoming months]

OTHER COMMENTS: [Any other comments]

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:

Pastor Christian gave Good Shepherd a painting that he signed of the Lord's Supper to be placed in Fellowship Hall. It would look great as you come out of the kitchen to the left on the wall between kitchen and the first closet door. Please give the ok to have the picture mounted upon my return.