# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Church Council Meeting Minutes Monday, November 14, 2022 -7 PM Fellowship Hall

## **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC) Council was called to order at 7:02 PM on November 14, 2022, by Kristi Buchholz, Council President.

Present: Pastor Jeremy Serrano, Candace Bradley, Kristi BuchhoLz, Scott Etzel, Mike Henry, Renee Reis Excused: Sue Hertless

#### **DEVOTIONS AND OPENING PRAYER**

Pastor Jeremy Serrano RECOGNITIONS

- o Scott Etzel recognized Dana Deniston and the Friends Feeding Friends (FFF) volunteers for their ongoing service to the community with FFF programs distributing fcod, clothing, and furnishings to those in need.
- o Mike Henry recognized Rich Hertless for painting the Fellowship Hall (FH) facias and preparing the roofing project for final inspection.
- o Pastor Jeremy recognized Befty Jacobsen and Scott Etzel for working in the church office during the week.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Candace reported we received a request for donation from Mission Investment Fund, a financial ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Their funding enables them to better serve our neighbors and welcome more people to our communities of faith.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

o Approval of Minutes MOTION made by Kristi Buchholz to accept the October 11, 2022 Council Minutes; seconded by Scott Etzel; motion passed.

**MOTION** made by Kristi Buchholz to accept the October 5, 2022, Special Church Council Meeting Minutes, discussing finances and budgeting; seconded by Scott Etzel; motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS Pastor's Report** - Pastor Jeremy Serrano o Pastor Jeremy reported he left everything on the Synod Guideline Worksheet for pastoral compensations blank as he said Candace requested Council and he do these worksheets together. Candace said she was looking for more transparency last year with Pastor's salary to include compensation. Scott suggested we update and revise the letter that Herb Yonge created (such as, Pastor Jeremy does not. build any equity in the parsonage because he does not own it, so he is compensated in lieu of that).

o Pastor Jeremy reported his plan for our vacant property is to become a long-term revenue source for the congregation. Scott is concerned about the wording of this in Pastor's Council reports, Scott suggests engaging a team to develop a conceptual plan for our vacant property,

to broaden it to be introduced more from a team rather than Pastor. Pastor Jeremy asked if Scott would send him language that he would feel more comfortable with so Pastor can include that language on this idea in his report.

**MOTION** made by Pastor Jeremy to receive Karen Mahshi as a member of the congregation; seconded by Scott Etzel; discussion -Karen has been attending our worship services for a couple of months now; motion passed.

o Pastor Jeremy reported he will be away from November 21 to 25, 2022; he said no pulpit supply will be needed.

Please see Pastor Jeremy's report at the end of these Minutes for further information.

**President's Report** - Kristi reported she and Candace met together to work on the punch-list for Jackie Forrester, and submitted it to Jackie last Friday.

## **Committee Reports**

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

**Finance** -Pastor Jeremy reported he sent the excel spreadsheet of the proposed budget from last year for Council's review.

## **Property and Long Range planning** -Mike Henry

o Mike asked, regarding security concerns, what doors were recently broken into -it was the FH double glass doors. Pastor Jeremy would like Jamie to install a camera at the front of the FH.

o Candace asked what was happening with the Mortensen Roofing balance due for the roofing project. Kristi said we need to get the two Vanguard checks for this purpose into the checking account. please see Mike's report at the end of these Minutes for further information.

# **Social Ministry -Scott Etzel**

Please see Scott's report at the end of these Minutes for further information.

#### **Discussion Items**

**MOTION** made by Pastor Jeremy to authorize Kristi Buchholz, Council President, and Renee Reis, Council Vice President, as authorized signatories for all Vanguard accounts; seconded by Mike Henry; discussion; motion passed.

Pastor Jeremy stated the full name of Good Shepherd is "Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church of Concord."

Pastor Jeremy said we should implement a Delegation of Authority as to our check signers, etc.

**Set date for budget meeting:** Kristi said due to scheduling conflicts, we need to reschedule our next Council meeting; discussion. We will reschedule to Monday, December 19. Kristi reminded Council the 2023 budget needs to be approved by Council by December 29; discussion. Council and the Finance Team will meet on Tuesday, November 29, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall, for budget discussion.

**Discussion regarding Counters:** Scott shared his concerns with not being trained and not being paired with someone when scheduled to count. History shows us that counters used to team up in pairs of two for counting and depositing of monies received weekly. We would like to find more counters to pair up in twos, be trained, and share in this duty.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

**MOTION** made by Kristi Buchhols to adjourn; seconded by Renee Reis; motion passed, and meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Date of next regular Council meeting -Monday, December 19, 2022, 7 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by, Candace Bradley, Council Secretary Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

## **Continuing Agenda Items/Action Items:**

Action Item: We will 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. We will investigate and
revisit next month.
Continuing Agenda Item: Pastoral Review -draft ready for Council's review (September
meeting).
Begin to develop goals for next year -on hold
Bookkeeper
Budget for 2023