

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
6/21/2021

Present: Bob Fingland, Glenn Kraft, Gary Klopf, Rock Foster, Kendra Hines, Paul Davis, Sharon Misuraca, Jenn Bader, Gene Unverfert, Pr Amy Stewart

Excused: Pr Brecht, Rebecca Hillman

Guests: Jan Thompson, Jill Thomson

7:03 Opening and Devotions

1. Bob Fingland opened the meeting at 7:03 PM and verified a quorum was present. This meeting was held virtually via Zoom due to Covid restrictions. Bob welcomed Jill Thompson and Jan Thompson who are here observing prior to starting on council next month.
2. Glenn Kraft opened the meeting by sharing some reflections on the book “Abundance” currently being used by the Stewardship team. Discussed how the excitement for the mission calls people to be more generous.

7:19 Consent Agenda- Gary Klopf moved to approve as submitted, Sharon Misuraca seconded. Approved unanimously.

1. Approval of Agenda for June 2021 Council Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes for May 2021 Council Meeting
3. Approval of Minutes for June 2021 Congregational Meeting
4. Approval of Committee and Staff reports as submitted (See Report Package)

7:22 Key Update/Recommendations Agenda

1. COVID Update
 - a. Updates at the congregational meeting were well received-although there was some feedback about the outdoor services and the summer heat, Pr Amy will take that topic to the next staff meeting for further discussion
 - b. We are waiting for any further changes in situation through the summer prior to making any additional adjustments
 - c. The tasks force working around this topic continues to monitor the situation and communicate with each other should additional adjustments need to be made
2. Membership Report-no larger trends to report. Pr Josh was not at this meeting, so Bob Fingland reviewed this report on his behalf. There are some staff efforts currently underway ensuring that the overall list of congregants is correct.
3. Finance Report-Rock Foster-no further updates following the congregational meeting. 15% over the budget for the month. Contributions continue to be fairly strong, although we have been proactive in communicating to members about the “summer financial slump.” We did get the paperwork from the bank to get the PPP loan forgiven, that was submitted last week.

7:37 Discussion/Decision Agenda

1. Feedback on Pr Josh’s council report

- a. Worship Schedule/Decision-streaming capabilities make it so that we question if 4 services are still needed post covid. 9:30 and 11:00 service have been started again post covid, a question is how to also bring back children's/Sunday school hour.
 - i. Feedback on priorities for the next year-staff continues to have really beneficial conversation about overall goal setting as they discuss what changes are appropriate post covid
 - b. Prunings-the staff has been talking through the best use of resources, especially as we come back from covid. Sanctuary improvements, except lighting, is probably largely completed. Current lighting is a limitation during streaming.
2. Stewardship-the team continues to stay on track and is tracking summer giving.
3. Benevolence Group Feedback-Rock shared observations from the group discussing benevolence and the multiple avenues we have at GSLC. Working on creating a small statement on what our benevolence approach is as a congregation. Also considering with the Endowment committee "what is our focus as a congregation" to create an impact.
4. Congregational Meeting
 - a. Congregation affirmed resolution for staff realignment, HS Youth director and restoring a portion of benevolence.
 - b. Andrew began is new position 6/14 and has been doing well-he has been working on taking on FLY tasks from Pr. Amy. Andrew will be taking on college outreach due to some relationships he has with those students.
5. September 2021 Council Retreat-September 24 and 25, a location has not been identified. There is a location available the week prior in September. Bob will work to figure out the location, and an agenda will follow.
6. Good to Grow Campaign-largely completed, however lighting may still need to be addressed for video quality
7. Roof Leaks-still getting pricing on this
8. Solar Panels-this was tabled for future discussion, this is a longer term goal.

8:53 Closing and Prayer

Glenn Kraft moved to adjourn. Sharon Misuraca Seconded. Passed Unanimously.
Meeting closed at 8:56 PM with a prayer from Pr. Amy.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kendra Hines
Congregation Secretary