

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
4/18/2022

Present: In-person: Bob Fingland, Sharon Misuraca, Jan Thompson, Jill Thompson, Jenn Bader, Gary Klopf, Gene Unverfert, Pr Josh Brecht, Pr Amy Stewart **On Zoom:** Paul Davis
Excused: Rebeca Hillman, Rock Foster

7:02 PM Opening & Devotions: Welcome, Quorum Count & Prayer
Bob Fingland opened the meeting at 7:02 PM, verified a quorum was present, and opened in prayer.

7:04 PM Study Devotional by Bob Fingland, Abundance, Creating a Culture of Generosity – Chapter 9

7:12 Consent Agenda Sharon Misuraca moved to approve, Gene Unverfert seconded. Approval Vote was Unanimous

1. Approval of April 18, 2022 Meeting Agenda: Approved
2. Approval of Minutes for March 2022 Council Meeting: Approved
3. Approval of Committee and Staff reports as submitted (See Report Package): Approved

7:25 PM Key Update/Recommendation Agenda

1. Mechanical/HVAC equipment – Contract was signed on March 14th. They will work on an installation schedule to work around summer plans, such as camp, etc.
2. COVID Task Force
3. Lenten and Easter Services Feedback: Easter had an attendance of 165 at 8:00, 200+ at 9:30, and 175 at 11:00. Lenten mid-week services had very low attendance. Clergy and staff did an exceptional job, particularly under the conditions of working short staffed.
4. Finance: \$307,000 contributions thru March vs. \$299,000 which was budgeted. Solid beginning quarter of the new year.
5. Membership & Pastor's Report
 - a. General items: We are still having some new attendees and welcoming some people back who have not been attending in-person for a while.
 - b. Executive session was held
 - c. Call Committee and Staffing Updates:

Call Committee: There have been 2 rounds of Zoom interviews with 3 candidates. 2 of those candidates are coming to St. Louis in the next couple of weeks, after which the final candidate will come back in May to meet the Council, staff, and Pr. Amy. Staffing: The Youth/Family team will meet this Sunday; the Children and Family ministry team is newly in place. There have been 2 candidates for each position who have applied and will be considered.

d. Call committee expenses will be incurred: Executive Team has approved these expenses.

8:15 PM Discussion Agenda

1. Nominating Committee Update – Pastor Josh & Gary Klopff: Nominations for all Council positions were filled.
Troy Larson for Treasurer, At-Large Members: Lanny Schnipper, Larissa Hautekeete, and Greg Mueller
2. A Hybrid Congregational Meeting is planned for June 5, 2022 at 12:15pm.
3. Strategic Plan – Meeting held on April 11 to discuss the process for identifying a local outreach partner and developed the criteria which will be used
 - a. Identifying a potential partner
MUST HAVES: Personal Engagement, Relationship Building (within GS), Learning (to increase more advocacy), Capacity (can they grow and scale), Congregational Passion, Local
NICE TO HAVES: Unmet need (underserved or unmet), Calendar (rhythms align), Synergy (possible to align with initiatives), Growing Good Shepherd
 - b. Putting a congregational survey together to determine interest level and ways for people to be involved, and how we can be engaged.
After initial survey, focus groups to explore top results of interests, if congregants might know of organizations that should be considered
Finalize criteria, create an application, and make a list of organizations to be invited to apply
4. Gene Unverfehrt agreed to return as Council liaison to FMPC.
5. Vacation Bible School: Emily Hintz has volunteered to lead VBS this year – Pastor Amy

8:37 PM Closing and Prayer: Gary Klopff moved to adjourn the meeting, Gene Unverfehrt Seconded the motion. Vote was Unanimous.
Meeting closed at 8:37 PM with Pr. Amy, giving a closing prayer.

Reminders: Devotional for the May meeting will be chapters 10/11 of Abundance, Creating a Culture of Generosity to be presented by Gary Klopff.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jan Thompson
Congregation Secretary