

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
5/16/2022**

Present: In-person: Bob Fingland, Rock Foster, Sharon Misuraca, Jan Thompson, Jill Thompson, Paul Davis, Gary Klopf, Gene Unverfert, Pr Josh Brecht, Pr Amy Stewart

On Zoom: Rebeca Hillman

Excused: Jenn Bader

Guest: Bret Spoerle

7:01 PM Opening & Devotions: Welcome, Quorum Count
Bob Fingland opened the meeting at 7:01 PM, verified a quorum was present.

7:02 PM Study: Devotional and opening prayer was given by Gary Klopf, Abundance, Creating a Culture of Generosity – Chapter 10 & 11.

7:17 Consent Agenda: Rock Foster moved to approve, Jill Thompson seconded.
Approval Vote was Unanimous

1. Approval of May 16, 2022 Meeting Agenda: Approved
2. Approval of Minutes for April 2022 Council Meeting: Approved
3. Approval of Committee and Staff reports as submitted (See Report Package):
Approved

7:19 PM Key Update/Recommendation Agenda

1. Call Committee Updates – Bret Spoerle discussed the committee interviews; the committee has unanimously agreed on the remaining candidate. A motion for approval of the recommendation by the Call Committee was made by Rock Foster, Seconded by Gary Klopf, and Passed Unanimously. A date will be set for the Congregation to meet this candidate.

2. Staffing:

- a. The Team for the Children & Family Director is currently interviewing candidates, and will start the second interviews soon.
- b. The Team for Youth & Family Director (middle school and high school) will be beginning interviews soon.

3. Review Synod compensation Guidelines for the new Pastor of Congregational Care – Executive Committee meeting set for Thursday Morning 5/19 at 10:00am on Zoom.

4. Mechanical/HVAC equipment – Delivery still slated for the end of July to early August 2022, in coordination with VBS, Music Camp and Preschool.

5. Membership & Pastor's Report

6. Finance: April was a low month for giving this year, and lower than April, 2021. However, finances continue to look good for the year.

8:15 PM Discussion Agenda

1. Nominating Committee Update – Pastor Josh & Gary Klopf: The nominating committee has now been totally filled.

2. Congregational Semi-annual Meeting planned for June 5, 2022 at 12:15 will be a hybrid meeting of in-person and thru Zoom. Paper ballots will be used for in-person attendance, while Google Forms will be used for those on Zoom. There will be no mail-in ballots.

3. COVID Task Force Update: There is a recent spike in numbers, due to pneumonia/Covid hospitalizations in the St. Louis area. No changes in the Church's rules and procedures are recommended at this time.

4. Strategic Plan – Will be handing out a survey regarding looking for a local benevolent organization (area of focus, and how would we be able to engage)

5. ELCA Congregational Vitality Gathering feedback

8:44 PM Closing and Prayer: Gene Unverfert made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sharon Misuraca seconded, Vote was Unanimous.

Meeting closed at 8: 44 PM with Pr. Josh giving a closing prayer.

Reminders: Devotional for the June meeting will be chapters 12 - 14 of Abundance, Creating a Culture of Generosity to be presented by Pr. Josh.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jan Thompson
Congregation Secretary