

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2022

Present: In-person: Jill Thompson, Sharon Misuraca, Troy Larson, Jan Thompson, Larissa Hautekeete, Greg Mueller, Lanny Schnipper, Gene Unverfehrt, Pr Josh Brecht
On Zoom: Paul Davis, Bob Fingland
Excused: Pr Amy Stewart

GOALS for Meeting:

1. Council members will be able to call each other by name.
2. Council members know what each Council member brings to the table.
3. Council members will better understand all the opportunities for the congregation to engage and belong to GSLC.
4. Council members will know how new members are connecting with GSLC.

7:00 Welcome: Discussion of Council Roles: Vision/Strategic Direction, Eyes/Ears Clarity Role, Governing/Focus, Calling Forth Others, Support/Protect Staff Health of Congregation.

7:04 Devotional: Belonging Lectio Divina, Ephesians 4:15-16, presented and prayer offered by Pr. Josh

7:13 Agenda and Minutes: Motion made to approve by Larissa Hautekeete, Seconded by Jan Thompson, Passed Unanimously, with one addition to the Agenda (Track lighting)

1. Approval of August 15, 2022 Meeting Agenda: Approved
2. Approval of Minutes for July 2022 Council Meeting: Approved

7:17 Team Learning: *Abundance*. The Final Chapters, presented by Paul Davis

7:37 Team Building: Council Salad

7:51 Consent Agenda: (See Report Package): A minor adjustment was made regarding a request from FMPC for tract lighting, which was added to the Fiduciary Responsibilities section. A motion to accept the report package was made by Lanny Schnipper, and seconded by Greg Mueller, Motion passed Unanimously

7:58 Strategic Focus: Belonging, presented by Pr. Josh

Welcoming Team does a great job welcoming, presenting meetings regarding joining, finding new folks a seat in the church, and giving ideas on what new people might want to do. We probably need to follow-up to make sure new people are engaged. On GS Connect (app), there is a Community Group Finder and a Church Calendar that is helpful in finding a way to connect/belong. As people become much busier, we must find ways for the belonging to become meaningful. Homework for Council for August Meeting: looking at priority area of Belonging and be ready to share ideas that we as a Council can enact pertaining to policies and fiscal implications

8:24 Policy – Fiduciary Responsibilities

- Follow-Up to Congregational Vote: Pr. Varinia will be coming to St. Louis on Wednesday to house hunt/drop off books. She will move here by the end of August, and start working September 6th.
- Financial Update by Troy Larson, Contributions were down in June, although that is typical for summer.
- Preparing for 2023 Budget: Starting to prepare/think about it
- Retreat Dates and Proposed Approach: This year we don't need the Retreat as much for Strategy, as we are doing this during the monthly Council Meeting. We will be working on the second day by including the leader of each team to join us for volunteer training. The afternoon will have ministries and committees consider and plan how they can advance our priority areas.
- HVAC Updates: Another contract for connecting the old system to the new install. Looking at August 11 for the install.
FMPC/Track Lighting: Tracks and lighting were state of the art when it was installed. Currently some are no longer working, and we now need LED lighting. Bid was for around \$13,000, with total being less than \$20,000. Funding will be checked into, to see where there are available funds. As a vote for approval is needed by the end of the month. Thus, a motion was made to pass the contract for funding for the LED Track Lighting by Larissa Hautekeete, seconded by Gene Unverfehrt, and passed Unanimously, if funds are identified and available. UPDATE: Since the July 18th meeting, required funding was secured, and the team was notified of Council Approval.

There will be an upcoming meeting to see if we might qualify for the second round of the PPP.

8:55 Assignments: Jill Thompson, Sharon Misuraca, and Jan Thompson will be assisting Pr Amy by calling possible Confirmation Mentors to get commitments for this year.

8:59 Closing and Prayer: Motion to adjourn was made by Lanny Schnipper, and seconded by Troy Larson. Vote was Unanimous.
Closing Prayer offered by Jill Thompson.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Thompson
Congregation Secretary