

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
**Following Christ, Growing in Faith, Sharing God's Love**  
**Mid-Year Congregational Meeting**  
**June 5, 2022**

**12:25 The meeting was called to order by Bob Finland at 12:25 pm.**

A quorum was verified with 77 members present, thru both in-person and on Zoom. Bob Finland opened in prayer.

1. Approval of Agenda

A motion for approval of today's Congregational Meeting Agenda was made by Jan Thompson and seconded by Joel Bretscher. Motion Passed Unanimously

2. Approval January 30, 2022 Congregational Meeting

A motion for approval was made by Marilyn Jones, Seconded by Joel Bretscher. Motion Passed Unanimously

3. Acknowledgement of Outgoing member positions:

Council Treasurer: Rock Foster

Council Members At-Large: Jenn Bader, Gary Klopf, Rebeca Hillman

Endowment Committee: Beckie Finland

Nominating Committee: Gary Klopf, Josh Brecht, Rod Hollenbeck, Steve Spoerle, Kayla Dye, Dawn Schwab, Sara Oswald

4. Review of nominees for current positions:

Council Treasurer: Troy Larsen

Council Members At-Large: Larissa Hautekeete, Greg Mueller, Lanny Schnipper

Endowment Committee: Judy Leach

Nominating Committee: Gene Unverfehrt, Dawn Engle, Robert Goerss, Marilyn Jones, Kim Sherwood, Linda Webb

4. Financial Reports: Budgets are made on an annual basis, and divided by 12 months. Contributions are on budget, yet contributions are down somewhat in the last six weeks. We are financially sound right now, as are Actual Expenses vs Budget. (Surplus of \$56,000). Reminder to take Shep with you while on vacation, which might help remind you to maintain giving.

5. Updates on staffing:

Pastor of Congregational Care: The Call committee (Brett Spoerle – Chair, Paul Dreher, Carol Hollenbeck, Erik Oswald, Delaney Rhea, Robin Spence, Pr. Josh Brecht) worked hard to screen, interview and make a recommendation for the Pastor of Congregational Care. The Council approved the candidate and supports the recommendation to the Congregation. Pastor Gissela Varinia Espinoza (Pastor Varinia) has the unanimous recommendation of the Call Committee and the Council. A meet and greet is scheduled for June 26, and a vote will be held at a special congregational meeting on July 10, 2022.

Director of Children and Youth Ministry: Emily Hayden Horning has accepted this position and will begin on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Her ministry will focus on those from birth through the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Director of Youth and Family Ministry: Emily Hintz has accepted this position, and began her employment on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Her ministry will focus on those from 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

6. Update on Local Service/Outreach, (from one of the four focus areas of the GSLC Strategic Plan: Belonging, Children, Youth and Family; Spiritual Growth; Service)

The Outreach team is comprised of Jill Thompson, Bob Fingland, Paul Davis, Judy Leach, Steve Spoerle, David Franz, and Pr. Josh Brecht. They have come up with a Local Outreach Survey, to be completed by June 30, 2022. This survey will help to discern the primary local interest areas of members. Small focus groups will be offered following the completion of the survey to discern congregational priorities.

7. Closing Prayer and Adjournment Pr. Josh Brecht closed with a prayer. Steve Spoerle moved to adjourn the meeting, Rock Foster seconded. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Adjournment was at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jan Thompson  
Congregation Secretary