

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2023**

Present: Jill Thompson, Sharon Misuraca, Jan Thompson, Paul Davis, Bob Fingland, Greg Mueller, Lanny Schnipper, Gene Unverfehrt, Pr Josh Brecht, Pr Amy Stewart, Pr Varinia Espinosa

Zoom: Larissa Hautekeete

Excused: Troy Larson

GOALS for Meeting:

1. Council members determine policies and fiscal items to forward into a three-year plan
2. Council determines an approach to addressing the interests of those who want a Saturday evening service
3. Governance and Fiscal concerns are addressed.

7:03 Welcome, Prayer & Devotion: presented by Pr. Varinia Espinosa

7:09 Approval of Council Meeting Agenda: Motion was made to approve the agenda by Lanny Schnipper, and seconded by Paul Davis. Passed unanimously.

7:11 Consent Agenda: (See Report Package):

A motion to accept the Consent Agenda (report package) was made by Sharon Misuraca and seconded by Greg Mueller. Motion passed unanimously.

Notes/Questions: We asked committees to submit reports re: focus areas

Half day staff retreat coming up soon

Pr. Amy has started her podcast

Pr. Varinia is starting a prayer group

Lyle Ziemann was extremely helpful with the installation of HVAC-

Still concerned with possible bat problem. Gene Unverfehrt will follow up with Wildlife Solutions regarding this.

7:21 Strategic Focus Areas: led by Paul Davis

1. Review Council brainstorming of Policies and Fiduciary items
2. Select a limited number to implement: Top 3 were Safety and Security Policy and Plan, Strategic Plan Funding, and Belonging Vision/Mission Goals

(Church Physical Security and Child Safe Policy needs to be updated fairly soon)

Paul Davis will send out results from each Council member and Pastors

7:53 Saturday Evening Worship Task Force:

Feedback received: Some attendees did not come back due to health issues within the home and hard to get there in the morning and some have transitioned to a Sunday morning attendance.

Consider: Are there enough volunteers to fill positions if Saturday evening services continue?

Strategy to approach task force

8:13 Policy - Fiduciary Responsibilities:

Fiduciary:

Final budget is ready to present to the congregation

Year-end fiscal status was as expected

Policy:

Constitution – Town Hall Meeting Question

In addition to Council Members, only 3 other members of the congregation attended. One question was concerning the wording in one of the changes in the Constitution. This will be looked into.

Annual Meeting Assignments, including meeting at 1:00 on Saturday to help set up Establish work group to bring forward a proposal on how to set the rental fees for Building Blocks. Lanny Schnipper will lead, Gene Unverfehrt and Pr. Amy will also be in the group.

Representatives for Virtual Synod Assembly – June 3 will be discussed.

8:44 Assignments, Closing and Prayer: A Motion to adjourn was made Jan Thompson, and seconded by Paul Davis. Passed unanimously.

Closing Prayer offered by Sharon Misuraca.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, due to Presidents Day holiday on February 20th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jan Thompson
Congregation Secretary