

*We are a community of all ages gathered by God's grace
for worship, learning, loving and service to all.*

**MINUTES - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Sunday March 20, 2022**

Present: Pastor Andrew Isenhower, Don Caughman, Anna-Marie Plyler, Amy Kemp, Cathy Milejczak, Debi Powell, Heather Gilbert, Janet Lockhart, Janice Haigler, Leigh Ford, Mike Weaver, Suzanne Sanders, Peter Zornow

Guest: Jeff Inabinet

Absent: No absences.

Call to Order and Devotion: President Caughman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Cathy Milejczak gave the devotion and offered prayer.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Foundation: President Caughman invited Jeff Inabinet, President of the GSLC Foundation Board to acquaint Council with the purpose and operational management of the Foundation. Mr. Inabinet briefed Council that the Foundation members were himself; Charlene Fink, Vice President; Chris Herrmann, Treasurer; Stacy Gross, Secretary; and Raymond Hendrix, Member at Large. Mr. Inabinet made Council aware of the following:

- It took at least 5 years for the Foundation to build up to one million dollars in principal before it could start awarding grants,
- Grants are awarded from only the funds accrued as interest and not from the principal,
- There are presently 6 named accounts. Ten thousand dollars is required to establish a named account,
- Grants application deadlines are due May 1 and November 1, and
- Grants are limited to \$2,000.

Don Caughman asked Mr. Inabinet if the Foundation has considered increasing the \$2,000 grant limit. Mr. Inabinet said that he has been asked that question previously and that the Foundation Board would most probably discuss that in the future.

Adoption of Agenda:

Before the meeting but after the agenda was distributed to Council, Leigh Ford had requested that the future of Streaming Worship Services be discussed. As a result, President Caughman asked that "Future of Streaming Worship Services" be added item "c)" under "9. New Business". The Amended March 20, 2022 Agenda was **Approved by Acclamation**.

Adoption of Minutes:

1. Approval of the February 20, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes. Amy Kemp pointed out the typo in Debi Powell's last name under "Adoption of Agenda". Amended February 20, 2022 Minutes **Approved by Acclamation**.
2. Approval of the February 27, 2022 Good Shepherd Annual Meeting Minutes. **Approved by Acclamation**.

Attendance and Membership for February 2022

<u>2022</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>YouTube</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>2021</u>	<u>9:30</u>	-	-	<u>Total</u>
2/6/2022	111	52	33	111		2/7/2021	DRIVE-IN SERVICE			72
2/13/2022	114	76	23	114		2/14/2021	DRIVE-IN SERVICE			70
2/20/2022	105	44	25	105		2/21/2021	DRIVE-IN SERVICE			88
2/27/2022	104	47	13	104		2/28/2021	DRIVE-IN SERVICE			69
Average	109	55		109		Average	0	0	0	75

Note: YouTube numbers reflect number of views, not number of people viewing.

Total Membership 12/31/2021: 614

Total Active Members 12/31/2021: 311

Current active membership at the time of the February 2022 Council Meeting: 310

Members Added since the February 2022 Council Meeting: 0

Members Removed since the February 2022 Council Meeting: 2

Transfer to ELCA church: Betty Cox

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Current active membership at the time of the March 2022 Council Meeting: 308

Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report was handed out at the meeting. Ms. Haigler updated Council that the Good Shepherd bank statements had not been reconciled since September 2020. She will request printed bank statements for the missing months and proceed to reconcile month by month. Ms. Haigler said that at the most our books might be off by one or two hundred dollars.

Additionally, Ms. Haigler informed Council that she also learned that Good Shepherd's signatory authority for the ELCA Mission Investment Fund was still listed as David Hill. Deborah Mitchell has printed the ELCA form for Janice Haigler and Pastor Andrew to sign and submit it.

2. Pastor Andrew's Report: Pastor's Report Submitted.

Standing Committees:

1. Communication – Leigh Ford Council Liaison, with Wade Wingard, Contact: No Written Report Submitted.
2. Evangelism Committee: Peter Zornow: Written Report Submitted.
3. Finance Committee – Janet Lockhart: Written Report Submitted. Mrs. Lockhart also handed out Profit and Loss statement for 2021 and one from January 2022 through March 18, 2022.
4. Gifts Committee – Kappy Steck Chair, Don Caughman Liaison: No Written Report Submitted.
5. Learning Committee – Heather Gilbert: Written Report Submitted.
6. Parish Life Committee – Debi Powell: Written Report Submitted.
7. Property Committee – Mike Weaver: No Written Report Submitted. Mr. Weaver informed Council that a trailer to haul lumber for the Ramp Ministry had been purchased and would be kept at Rod Kent's home. Mr. Weaver also reported that the water heater in the FAB burned out. He reported that the cost of replacing the water with a tankless model was not feasible as that type of water

heater would require physical alterations to the FAB structure. Mr. Weaver reported that a conventional water heater would replace the old one.

8. Social Ministry Committee – Suzanne Sanders: No Written Report Submitted.
9. Worship Life Committee – Cathy Milejczak: Written Report Submitted.
10. Youth & Children Committee – Amy Kemp: Written Report Submitted.
11. Other Committee Communication Time

Old Business:

1. Seminarian Intern

Good Shepherd has received approval from the Synod for a Seminarian. The Synod will provide a \$10,000 stipend. The seminarian will be a full-time position with Good Shepherd and will start in either June or July.

New Business:

1. Memorial Fund Wish List

The Gifts Memorial Subcommittee is requesting that Committee Chairs submit a “wish list” of items that they would like considered to be funded by the Memorial Fund. Committee Chairs were requested to submit their committee’s list to Deb Embrey, Memorials Chair, by May 1, 2022.

2. Recommendations from Council for Attendees to Synod Assembly

Council was asked to consider either themselves or others in the congregation to be recommended to attend the South Carolina Synod Assembly in Charleston, South Carolina from June 12-14, 2022. Our congregation is entitled to 3 lay people. It is suggested that be comprised of: 1 member at large; 1 member under thirty years of age; and 1 person of color or whose primary language is other than English.

3. Future of the Streaming of Worship Services

Leigh Ford briefed Council that Ed Beaman had loaned the church equipment for us to produce streaming video of our worship service. Now that Ed’s business has picked back up and he has become very busy, he needs his equipment back or he has offered that we could buy the equipment from him for \$800.00 (cost). Ms. Ford also said that we would not have the operation of the equipment staffed after Easter. Ms. Ford wanted to know how Council felt about discontinuing the streaming service.

President Caughman suggested that two separate discussions take place. The first being whether to continue live streaming. If the decision was to stop the live streaming, then the discussion about who to perform the operation of the equipment would not be needed. Discussions followed.

Many Council members spoke as to why they felt that the streaming service needed to continue. Ms. Haigler stated that there were funds to purchase, or we could request that the purchase of the equipment be paid with Memorial funds. Council members agreed that the streaming of the worship service should continue. Mr. Caughman asked if there was a motion. Amy Kemp stated: *I move that Good Shepherd purchase the equipment that Ed Beaman had loaned to the church for \$800.00.* Second by Mike Weaver. A voice vote was taken. The motion was **Unanimously Approved.**

Since it was decided to purchase the equipment, the discussion regarding who would operate the equipment followed. Ms. Ford said that she had been unable to find volunteers to do that. Ms. Haigler suggested that high school students could be good candidates for this task since they were so technically knowledgeable. It was decided that the Communication and the Worship Life

committees work together on finding a solution for the operational tasks related to live streaming.

Petitions and Communications

1. Council Secretary reminded members to update their virtual Council Notebook with the updates emailed to them on Friday, March 3.
2. Council was reminded to observe the Newsletter deadlines.

Looking Forward

N/A

The Pulse

Executive Session

N/A

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m. with Pastor Andrew offering prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Anna-Marie Plyler

Pastor's Report
Rev. Andrew Isenhower
March 18—April 21, 2022

Pastoral Acts

- No funerals
- No baptisms
- No weddings

Worship and Music

- I preached, presided, and led worship for 5 Sunday worship services
- I preached, presided, and led worship for 2 Ash Wednesday services and 6 midweek Lenten services
- I led worship for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday
- I participated in worship planning

Education

- I have continued leading the mid-week bible study via Zoom
- I have provided Faith 5 resources each week for members and families
- I have continued teaching in-person Bible study in the FAB
- I have continued teaching confirmation during Sunday school
- I attended several of the midweek Lenten small group sessions

Pastoral Care

- I made 5 in-home visits and 2 hospital/facility visit
- I have followed up with bereaved members and families
- I held a monthly Communion service at Wildewood Downs for our members and friends there
- I made 34 Pastoral Care phone calls

Social/Fellowship/Community Events

- I participated in the property committee clean up day
- I participated in the Easter Egg Hunt
- I participated in the Easter Breakfast

Church Business

- We have been assigned an intern! Laura Henrickson, a current 2nd year seminarian from St. Stephen's Lexington will be serving as our full-time Seminary Intern for one year, beginning in July or August of 2022.
- I attended the following committee meetings:

- Shepherd's Visitors
- Executive Committee
- Worship Life Committee

Synodical Business

- None this month.

Continuing Education

- I met with my clergy group. We meet with a counsellor once a month to discuss life and ministry and support one another.

Self-Care

- I took time each day for devotional reading and prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Pastor Andrew Isenhower