

*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**  
**Meeting Held Via ZOOM**  
**Sunday, July 26, 2020**

**Present:** Anna-Marie Plyler, Donna Foster, Ed Beaman, Jamie Sanders, Jennifer Ross, Karen Lucas, Katie Bostic, Marcia Woodward, Mitch Uehling, Pastor Isenhower, Stacy Gross, and Steve Steck.

**Absent:** Noah Adams.

**Call to Order and Devotion:** President Ed Beaman called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M. Mitch Uehling gave the devotion and offered prayer.

**Adoption of Agenda:**

The Secretary brought attention to the addition of two additional reports to be included in the Agenda. **Agenda Adopted by Acclamation.**

**Adoption of Minutes:**

- 1) May 17, 2020 Council Minutes: Motion to approve by Donna Foster, second by Katie Bostic. **Minutes Unanimously Approved.**
- 2) June 14, 2020 Called Congregational Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Karen Lucas, second by Katie Bostic. **Minutes Unanimously Approved.**

**Attendance and Membership for May and June 2020**

<u>2020</u>	<u>8:30</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>10:45</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>2019</u>	<u>8:15</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>Total</u>
5/3/2020	DRIVE IN SERVICE			108	2020 COVID19	5/5/2019	37	41	96	133
5/10/2020				N/A	2020 COVID19	5/12/2019	43	39	101	144
5/17/2020	DRIVE IN SERVICE			114	2020 COVID19	5/19/2019	52	36	89	141
5/24/2020				N/A	2020 COVID19	5/26/2019	51	29	70	121
5/31/2020	DRIVE IN SERVICE			103						
Average		0	0	0	108	Average	46	36	89	135

Note: In the month of May 2020, Drive-In Service was held every other week.

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6/7/2020	DRIVE IN SERVICE			101	2020 COVID19	6/2/2019	64	37	109	173
6/14/2020	DRIVE IN SERVICE			69	2020 COVID19	6/9/2019	85	28	67	152
6/21/2020	DRIVE IN SERVICE			67	2020 COVID19	6/16/2019	47	30	77	124
6/28/2020	DRIVE IN SERVICE			76	2020 COVID19	6/23/2019	50	24	69	119
						6/30/2019	50	28	90	140
Average				78		Average	59	29	82	142

Note: On 6/9/2019, Youth Group from Florida attended the 8:30 service.

Total Membership 12/31/2019: 708

Total Active Members 12/31/2019: 402

Current active membership at the time of the May 2020 Council Meeting: 403

Members Added since the May 2020 Council Meeting: 0

Members Removed since the May 2020 Council Meeting 2020: 5

Dot Sterling - Death

Vic Milejczak: Death

Lisa Boozer: Removed by Request

Wilbur Smith: Death

GINNA CAUGHMAN: Death

Current active membership at the time of the July 2020 Meeting: 398

### Reports

- 1) Treasurer's Report: Profit and Loss YTD and Profit and Loss Ending June 2020 were submitted. Select Committee Financials Distributed Directly to Committee Chairs.
  - a) Jamie Sanders reported that he has arranged for Good Shepherd's internet service to be upgraded. The upgrade is complete. He has also donated and replaced the church's router and firewall.
- 2) Pastor Andrew's Report: Pastor's Written Report Submitted.

### Standing Committees:

1. Communication Committee – Karen Lucas, Council Liaison with Wade Wingard, Contact: No Written Report Submitted
2. Evangelism Committee –Written Report Submitted.
  - a. Stacy Gross made Council aware that the search is ongoing for someone to chair the Evangelism Committee. She asked Council to please offer any suggestions
3. Finance Committee – Jamie Sanders, Council Liaison with Rebecca Richardson, Chair: No Written Report Submitted.
  - a. Jamie Sanders was asked to hold the invoice for the framing of Pastor Andrew's framed photo for the FAB as a result of Jennifer Ross' update. Jennifer said that the frame was the incorrect color and was too large to fit in the slide guides for the pastors' photos. Jennifer will take the faulty frame back to the frame shop for correction.
4. Gifts Committee – Marcia Woodward: No Written Report Submitted.
  - a. Marcia Woodward reported that the Gifts Committee would meet August 5 and that this year's Stewardship Drive would be conducted via mailed letters.
5. Learning Committee – Katie Bostic: Written Report Submitted.
6. Parish Life Committee – Karen Lucas: Written Report Submitted.
7. Property Committee – Ed Beaman, Council Liaison with Lauren Chandler, Chair: No Written Report Submitted.
  - a. Ed Beaman reported that when the damaged roof was removed in preparation for repair, another area of the Narthex roof was discovered to have a defect. As a result, Lauren has retained an attorney to assure that the insurance company will cover the additional expense of repairing the unseen damage before proceeding with the roof repair. The Narthex has a temporary roof to protect it until a resolution is found.
  - b. Steve Steck asked why the remaining Bradford Pears on the GSLC property had not been removed. Mr. Beaman reported that even though Council gave approval to remove all of the Bradford Pears, the Property Committee did not wish to incur the expense of removing all of the trees at the same time

given other repairs that were looming. Mr. Beaman said that he would check with Lauren Chandler on the status of the tree removals.

8. Social Ministry Committee – Steve Steck, Council Liaison with Don Caughman, Chair: No Written Report Submitted.
  - a. Steve Steck reported that he would check with the Committee Chair to see if there was an outstanding report.
9. Worship Life Committee – Donna Foster: No Written Report Submitted.
10. Youth & Children Committee – Mitch Uehling: Written Report Submitted.

**Old Business:**

N/A

**New Business:**

1. Homecoming 2020

Pastor Ron Feltman contacted Ed Beaman and respectfully requested to cancel his agreement to be the guest preacher at the GSLC Homecoming service and lunch on September 20, 2020. Pastor Feltman said that he would be very willing to reschedule after the COVID-19 pandemic passed. Council discussed if it would be wise to cancel this's year's Homecoming celebration. The Council was in agreement that Homecoming should be cancelled.
2. Replacements for Wilbur Smith's Roles (Assistant Treasurer, Chief Tabulator, Memorial Garden Coordinator)

President Beaman asked Council to be thinking of someone to take over the responsibilities that Wilbur took care of so efficiently and willingly. The following members have agreed to perform the following duties until a new Assistant Treasurer is named:

  - a) Tabulator Scheduling: Becky Shealy (when we resume)
  - b) Tabulating: Karen and David Lucas will continue for now
  - c) Monday Deposits: Jerry Vaughn will continue for the short term
  - d) Tabulator Monthly Spreadsheets: Deb Embry for the short term
3. Council Nominations

President Beaman asked Council members to be thinking seriously about candidates for Council nomination. There will be one youth deacon and six council person vacancies on Council to be filled and the Council election must take place by October 31. Mr. Beaman asked the current Council members to be prepared to submit names for nominations at the August Council Meeting. Ed said that we would need a minimum of eight nominees. The Council members whose terms will expire December 2020 are Donna Foster, Ed Beaman, Jennifer Ross, Mitch Uehling, Stacy Gross and Steve Steck. Noah Adams term as Youth Deacon will also expire December 2020.

**Petitions and Communications:**

1. Zoom Meetings

Council Members were reminded to stay in touch with their committees
2. COVID-19 Statistical Tracking

A spreadsheet containing the numbers of tests, deaths, and percentage of positive tests was presented to Council. To date, there has not been a 14 day downward trend.
3. A member of Council asked how the GSLC Day School was doing since reopening. Ed said that they are doing well with no incidents of COVID-19.

**Moving Forward**

Council participated in an exchange of ideas regarding operating under the COVID-19 pandemic. Given the barriers of person-to-person contact of members who are in hospitals and nursing homes, Council members offered ideas on making sure members were kept informed and connected with their church and faith family. There were also numerous discussion regarding enhancements to drive-in service (radio signal strength, collection of offerings, use of restrooms, inviting non-church members, safety in the open area of the FAB parking lot, etc.). There was also some discussion regarding the possibility of on-line streaming of the service.

**The Pulse:**

N/A

**Executive Session:**

N/A

**Adjourn:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 P.M. with Council Members joining in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted: Anna-Marie Plyler

Pastor's Report  
Rev. Andrew Isenhower  
July 23, 2020 to August 12, 2020

**Pastoral Acts**

- Baptisms: None
- Funerals: Interment of Jean Sundlie (died Feb. 22, 2020) in the Memorial Garden
- Weddings: None

**Worship and Music**

- I have preached and presided for two drive-in services
- I participated in worship planning

**Education**

- I have provided Bible study guide notes to the congregation during the pandemic.
- I have offered Zoom Bible Study twice each Wednesday since early June.
- I am providing "Faith 5" resources for families and members each week.

**Pastoral Care**

- As the pandemic continues, I'm finding ways to offer pastoral care and Word and Sacrament ministry to our members. I am offering Holy Communion for individuals or small family groups by appointment on Fridays at the church or on a member's porch/yard. Social distancing and masks are required.

**Social/Fellowship/Community Events**

- None due to Covid-19.

**Church Business**

- I attended the following Zoom meetings:

- Executive Committee
- Learning Committee
- Evangelism Committee

-I've been busy preparing multiple e-blasts and other communications during the pandemic to keep connected with the congregation.

-We are still sending mailings of my sermon and other important info as well as calling post messages to keep folks without email informed and connected.

**Synodical Business**

- I attended Synod Assembly online.

**Continuing Education**

- None this month.

**Self-Care**

-I took time each day for devotional reading and prayer

-Our family was able to get away for a week to Edisto. It was a restorative time and I'm glad to be back after a brief rest. Many thanks to Cody, the staff, and volunteers for handling things so ably in my absence.

Respectfully submitted,



Pastor Andrew Isenhower