

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Place: Storefront, 1191 Washington Avenue, Suite 150, Holland, MI 49423

Date: Monday, April 27th, 2009

Time: 6:30-9:00 pm

Present: Pastor Jim, Kelly Sauer, Tessa Zielke, Brian Underhill, Dennis Willaman, Tracy Lovell, Gary Wickens, Sheila Nicholas

Visiting: Mike Russell

Absent: Paulette Yohe, Stephanie Rice

Gathering Time

- Devotions: Gary Wickens – Gary read a verse from Lamentations along with sharing his thoughts on it.

Requests for Additions to Council Agenda

- none

Consent Agenda (*enclosed in agenda mailing*)

- Minutes: Stewardship Committee
- Minutes: Tapestry
- Minutes: Church Council
- Income & Expense Report, Budget vs. Actual
- Restricted Funds
- Balance Sheet

A motion was made to accept the consent agenda. This motion was seconded and approved.

Mission & Vision:

- Centered in Christ
 - Celebrations & Thanksgivings (*all*)
 - Building is coming along on schedule; Ron Meyer helped us in the paving of the parking lot. We can also celebrate guys who look out for us. Tapestry held a nice Tea Party last weekend with very good attendance. Good attendance on Easter and second Sunday in Easter was, also, nice with four baptisms. Lenten and Holy week services were celebrated. Mission marketplace was a success. Easter egg hunt was also a big event.
 - Finance Update (Dennis, *Mike*)
 - Reviewed both Dennis and Mike's sheets that they update monthly. There was some confusion about the Income and Expense Sheet and Mike's sheet. Mike's sheet adds more detail which some people may want to see.
 - 2007 Audit and Committee Thank You's (Brian)
 - These were sent out.
 - Building Committee Update (Brian)
 - Mentioned items about construction like framing being done, parking lot going in. Pastor talked about dedications. The first part is signing studs and time capsule for last weekend in May. We are also looking at having a dedication service the Saturday before the actual first Sunday. Last Sunday in Corpus would be Labor Day weekend with these events coming together. We discussed how exactly we leave Corpus and start at new church from a logistical standpoint. Council agrees that this basic schedule makes sense. We talked about having musicians possibly with live music for the Saturday during the day in new building..
 - Mike also handed out the updated building fund activity sheets for this month, these were briefly reviewed.
- Worship with Joy
 - First Communion Retreat (Pastor)
 - Pastor has canceled the retreat for this year. He thinks he should have a good size group next year. We are looking at receiving the remaining new members this weekend May 3rd.

- Feedback on Lent & Holy Week Services (Pastor)
 - Pastor asked about feedback from these services. He let council know that the outdoor Good Friday service had 6 good faithful souls in attendance. The other Lenten services has between 20 and 30 participants. It was brought up that its difficult to get to some of these weekday services for people with kids and young families. Different ways were discussed for logistics of how to run the weekly Lenten services to be friendlier towards families with small kids.
- Youth Leadership in Worship (Pastor)
 - This is an ongoing effort to increase youth participation in ushering and other important functions within the service.
- Embrace with Love
 - Membership Transfer: Martiy Neifer (Pastor)
 - Martiy has requested a transfer to First Reformed Church. We also reviewed a list of people who we know have not communed in a long time. Pastor mentioned that we may need to deal with how to possibly remove these people from membership rosters.

A motion was made to transfer the membership of Martiy Neifer. This motion was seconded and approved.

- Program Budget Update (Dennis)
 - Dennis reviewed the program budget details through the first three months of this year. He asked that council help him come up with items to list under each category to make this as accurate as possible.
- Special Recognition of Mission Partners (Pastor)
 - Pastor is working on meeting with churches about the possibility of pulpit exchanges with churches that have given money to our building fund.
- Ministry Futuring Leadership Retreat (Dennis)
 - Looking at having this some time in October and November after the canvassing of the neighborhood is done.
- Neighborhood Canvassing & Inviting (Pastor)
 - We are looking at doing this after the training on June 27th. There will be training for people involved with this with questions outlined and organized. Looking at having this training on the June 27th and having dinner afterwards with Bishop Schleicher.
- Open House & Dedication Planning Teams (Pastor)
 - This was covered earlier.
- Growing Young Christians (Pastor)
 - Elizabeth Brubaker is working on this for a program for getting more young people involved.
- Equip for Witness & Service
 - Job Descriptions, Staff Wage/Benefit Forms (Pastor)
 - Pastor has asked Sheila and Gary to be on a “personnel committee” which reviews employees of the church. This process would most likely be done with Pastor, Vicki, and Nancy. They are looking at meeting once a month to start.
- Feedback on Mission Marketplace (Dennis)
 - Everyone thought that this went very well. A \$1000 check was received by the church because of having the Mission Marketplace. It was also decided that we should send a thank you note to the person who brought the check.

A motion was made to follow Stewardship Committees recommendations and split the \$1000 between the ten groups proposed by committee, \$100 for each group. This motion was seconded and approved.

- Synod Assembly, 5/17-19 (Pastor)
 - Its in downtown Lansing at various locations. Sally and Dale Schmelter. will be going as voting members.
 - Pastor also mentioned that we should think about what type of gift we might offer Corpus Christi when we leave.

Additions to Agenda:

- none

Sending Time:

- Devotional Leader for April: Sheila Nicholas
- Sending Prayer – The meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 8:20pm.

Next Council Meeting:

Tuesday, May 26, 2009, 6:30-9:00 pm, at the Storefront

Due Date for Council Mailing & Agenda

Sunday, May 17, 2009