

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Board of Trustees Meeting August 15, 2023

In attendance: John Ashton, Yvonne Krause, Larry Miller, Mike Platz, Pr. Jeff Tally, Dave Weiss, Jennifer Wollesen

Absent: TerriLee Fitz, Ruth Hanzlik Guests: Doug Tapking, Call Committee Chair, Edd Johnson, Carla Johnson

The meeting was opened by Dave at 5:58 PM. Pastor Jeff offered the opening prayer and devotion. A quorum was present. A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Dave to accept the minutes of the 7/18/23 meeting as amended. Motion carried.

Old Business – Trailer – Dave talked with Ffej and made suggestions to look on KSL. The \$4,000 allocated will come from the dedicated youth fund.

Call Committee – The Call Committee meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Doug led a discussion involving questions about Board of Trustees (BoT) and Call Committee members' appointments and finishing dates. Referring to Bylaws Chapter 11, B11.02 on the Call Committee, he reminded the board that we need to follow these Bylaws procedures (as well as all the other Bylaws) of the Church.

Since many people are questioning what the board will be doing to fill the vacant position, Doug suggested we have a Town Meeting after third service to discuss what we are looking at and why. (From this discussion the board decided to hold a Town Meeting on August 27 at 12:15 p.m. to discuss what we are looking at and why.)

The congregation will need to decide if we need another pastor. A board presentation at the Congregational meeting would help also. A Financial Review Committee will be set up by the Call Committee as per the By-Laws.

New Business – Because of Pastor Jeff's sermon on prayer, the board decided to conduct a one-night retreat for prayer, meditation and Bible study. Jennifer will look into places to meet.

Pastor Report - Attendance is still growing. 7 new members were accepted into the congregation. The LitChat talks went well and changes will be made for the period up to the start of Advent. There are 13 people taking the Calling and Caring Group. They will be installed August 27. Pastor Jeff wants a 'Prayer Band' to be started to pray before service and every day for our church, our staff, our board and our country. Pr. Jeff is also looking to set up a Hospitality Team to greet and meet new people and help them get their children to the correct place. Jolyn will be purchasing a new curriculum for the fall. The Congregational Meeting will be held November 5 after the third service at 1 pm. September 10 is Rally Day.

Financial – Overall, June was a very low giving month and July had a 5th week and giving was even a little over our budget. Expenses really are close to budget across the 2 months.

	June	July	Budget
Total Offerings	\$41481	\$59228	\$54990

Total Income	\$48343	\$70754	\$61673
Total Expenses	\$69647	\$60393	\$66000
		* with no July electricity bill; will be 2 in August	
Income/Deficit	-\$21304	+\$10360	-\$4800
YTD Deficit		-\$70000	\$-33000 (built into our budget)
Unallocated Cash Balance	\$252,000		

Remember the \$142,500 net we got back as a credit for payroll expense reimbursement is kept separate and is in the unallocated cash balance.

Human Relations – No report

Legal – Nothing to report.

Marketing – Larry will be gone from Sept 8 – Oct 22

Facilities – John will be looking at the 2 small water heaters near the trench and replace if necessary. The sacristy outside door should be here by end August.

Mission – The committee will be concentrating mainly on local missions.

At Large Nothing to report

The BoT monthly meetings have been changed to the 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Next meeting is Sept 19th at 6:00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8:48 pm with prayer by Dave.

Jennifer Wollesen
Secretary

These minutes are considered draft until the next board meeting for final approval.