

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Council Minutes

August 15, 2023

Present: Chad Smith, Fred Kirchenwitz, Diane Flouro, Chris Feutz, Kevin Konrad, Pastor Koepsell, Daniel Weiss, Keith Casey, Heather Freiberg, Leslie Mason.

Absent: Nikole Vergin, Jennifer Charles, Craig Dreger,

Chad Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pastor opened with a devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Ishiah 56: 1 and 6-8

June meeting minutes approved M/S/A

Board report M/S/Approved

Announcements

Pastor: Introduced Heather Frieberg as Youth Group Leader.

VBS was held. The Church picnic was great. The attendance was great.

The shut-ins have all been visited.

Vacation was good.

Pastor is ready for his last vacation at the end of the month.

Discussion:

Pastor: Discussion about the Thrivent website and our participation of Thrivent Choice dollars. We will wait to see how Thrivent will handle the non-church related advertising and discuss again in September.

Keith: Food Pantry has been asked to supply the member churches with financial statements. Motion to do a joint letter by the member churches to adhere to the requests for conformation and transparency. The date to comply will be Dec 31, 2023.

Chad: The Dunhams donated a lawn mower to the congregation. Once it arrives Chad will put a thank you in the bulletin.

Chad: Lighting discussion: The bid for just the hanging of new lights came in at 40K. The other option is putting in different bulbs, but this will not get the lighting back to the level of the previous lighting. Craig will be asked to get additional bids to see if there are lower cost options.

Painting the sanctuary bid was received. Kevin: Motion to paint the sanctuary in January with the current bid. Moton seconded and approved.

Daniel: Survey update: To date 30 individuals have responded to the survey. We will wait for at least 50 respondents and then look at the results. There are concerns that the Council is missing some steps. Chad will respond in an email to the Congregation on the next steps.

Diane: There has been a donation from a member with specific guidelines on how the funds should be used. Diane will look at setting up an endowment at St. Louis seminary for further education.

A method has been established to acknowledge nondeductible donations. A threshold will be set up to send letters to members making larger contributions.

Open Action Items:

Dan: finalize facility use policy and present it to Council.

Dan: update and send out the time and talents form.

Chad: Constitution review.

Pastor/Keith: Update on Thrivent and the use of Action Teams.

Craig: Additional Lighting bids

Motion to adjourn the meeting 8:25 pm. M/S/Approved

Pastor closed with Prayer.

Respectfully submitted.

Leslie Mason