

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Council Minutes

October 17, 2023

Present: Chad Smith, Fred Kirchenwitz, Diane Flouro, Kevin Konrad, Pastor Koepsell, Daniel Weiss, Keith Casey, Craig Dreger, Sharon Leinweber.

Absent: Leslie Mason Chris Feutz, Kristie Zellner, Heather Freiberg,

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

Pastor opened with a devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries.

A Better Cyrus (Isaiah 45)

September meeting minutes approved M/S/Approved

Board report M/S/Approved

Fred had a question on the weekly giving—appears that it is lower than usual—Diane confirmed it was.

Announcements:

Pastor report: no other updates other than the elder report.

Sharon is going out on surgery for a couple of months; Krista volunteered to be point of contact for Fellowship, but she can't because she is an employee. Other team members will take care of things but no one wanted to be a spokesperson. Her surgery is 11/15.

Discussion:

Thrivent choice dollars: sent an email to Noah (a Thrivent agent); he cannot comment on what Thrivent is doing; he is personally not supporting what they do. He is focusing on the goods that the Financial institution is doing for the community churches. He is willing to come, but he cannot represent Thrivent. Pastor would like to know Noah's comments; Diane noted that would put him in an awkward position and she didn't think it was appropriate—others agreed. Should we reach out to the synod and ask for any guidance on this? Chad was going to reach out to Synod. (wait to see what shakes out with the SWD response).

Is it going to be our policy of not applying for Thrivent cards? Question was asked; at this point in time, we will not apply for cards; not a policy per se, just a pause.

Facility use policy: the big thing is just to make it a non-member policy. Some stipulations don't make sense then. If this is non-member, why would we want anyone to bring alcohol in this? This is not legalism; it is common sense. Non-member policy? Lots of discussion on alcohol; because this is for non-members, it will be in there not to be able to have alcohol. Talk about the fee being \$25 vs \$50; what should it be? Do we care about the fee? What would a facility run for? It was determined that we could figure that out on a case by case basis.

Motion to Approve policy with changes discussed : M/S/Approved

Staffing and the subcommittee meeting: Dan : we should build out our boards so there are others behind the main person. Sharon and elders have the bigger boards. Connecting wells surveys sent out with email from Dan. Some boards have a lot of opportunities to use boards. Goal of counsel should be 3 people on the boards so there is consistency.

Reminder of voters meeting 10/29 between services. Short board reports for each board during this meeting.

Staffing survey: reworded it a bit; it is both hard copy and online; talked about Pastor pushing it at front of church and having copies to hand out and to be filled out and dropped off? Set a plan? Goal of get over 100. Needs assessment of Good Shepherd.

Jericho Road: There was a meeting Thursday with the 4 churches. There are 4 topics to talk to Jericho Road about: What is their definition of sponsor; additional insurance?; Financial donations—the other churches are looking for accounting of such funds (we don't donate money); asked about safety in building. It is the pantry off of division/Irving. We will stay lockstep with the other churches on this. We will continue to donate food, but no monies.

Mission of month: Seminary in Indiana. Pastor had one with new member does with Veterans.

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

Pastor closed with Prayer.

Respectfully submitted.

Diane Flouro for Leslie Mason

Action Items:

Chad: Constitution review.

Updates on Thrivent choice dollars

All: Submit Constitution suggestions to Chad.

