

HOLY SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Admin Building

Mission Statement: Worshiping and growing together in Christ serving and reaching out joyfully to all.

Vision Statement: As disciples of Jesus, Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church believes we are called to be in relationship with God, with God's people and with God's world everyday.

Present: Lisa Grimm, president; Scott Ikenberry, treasurer; Judy Ekberg, secretary; Taz Walkowich, At Large; Pastor Julie Brooks; Pastor Kim Gonia. **Absent:** Diane Jowell, vice president; Melinda Powelson, personnel; Susan Linner, At Large.

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Opening Devotion/Prayer: Lisa gave the devotion based on Psalm 100. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Welcome: Welcome to Pastor Kim Gonia! Introduction to Council members.

Book Discussion: Kicking Habits by Thomas G. Bandy
Chapter 2 "The Declining Church System"

The author suggests the declining church is focused on self-preservation and institutional assimilation rather than helping congregants discover their own faith, gifts and calling.

Reports: Pastor Julie

- Thank you to everyone involved in Saturday's installation of Pastor Julie and Pastor Kim! It was a meaningful and spirit-filled occasion.
- The Vision/Planning Team will be meeting from June through September, 2023. The group consists of Bryan Bennett, Michael Boehm, Susie DiPaolo, Sue Scott, Chris Stueberg, and Pastor Kim Gonia. They will be working to sharpen the church's focus and direction for the coming months and years as well as determining ways and areas in which to strengthen and innovate.

Treasurer Report:

- 1) Giving through May 2023 was (\$23,300) under our 2023 budget, but \$16,200 over our giving through May 2022.
- 2) Expenses through May 2023 were (\$13,300) under our 2023 budget, but \$2,700 over our expenses through May 2022.
- 3) Bottom Line: Our actual loss through May 2023 of approx. (\$20,400) was \$13,500 less than our loss of approx. (\$33,900) through May 2022.
- 4) We still have Cash Balances of approx. \$100,000 in excess of our Liabilities and Reserve requirements as of May 31, 2023.
- 5) We made a \$15,334 deposit in May 2023 toward our new carpeting.

Continuing Business:

1. Communication task force: Tabled until July as Melinda and Susan are out of town
2. Administrator position: Welcome to Melanie Durham, our administrative and accounting assistant. She is completing her training with Donna Madsen.
3. Carpet installation date is not scheduled, but a down payment has been made.
4. Adult Education classes have been planned through July 2023.

New Business:

1. Family Promise:
 - Council discussed transition plans for a new coordinator now that Tina Jacobsen Brown has resigned from that position.
 - Holy Shepherd's turn to provide meals for the guests will be July 9-15.
 - Consider highlighting a Family Promise family's story monthly in the Happenings or indicating the number of family members housed during a particular month.
2. Audit process : The church audit will be scheduled for 2024.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Kim

Adjournment: 8:00 pm

Next Meeting: July 11, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Impact Statement: How does this council's discussion impact our part of the world?

Our devotional time, book discussion, Vision/Planning team help us grow together in Christ so that we can reach out and serve the congregation, the families residing at Holy Shepherd and others in the world.

Approval of minutes: June 16, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Ekberg, Secretary