

HOLY SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2024 @ 6:00pm Admin Building

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

Vision Statement: *Trusting God + Loving the World*

Decisions Made: A new book was presented for study. Much of the discussion in the meeting centered around future goals and plans for Holy Shepherd.

Present: Kathleen Clark, President; Michael Boehm, Vice-President; Tom Teske, Secretary; Scott Ikeberry, Treasurer; Taz Walkowich, At Large Member; Pastor Julie Brooks; Pastor Kim Gonia.

Call to Order: Kathleen called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Opening Devotion/Prayer: Taz shared the song, “They’ll Know We are Christians by our Love”, inviting us to meditate on the words of the song, especially as they applied to us at Holy Shepherd.

Book Discussion: Julie introduced us to the study book for this year, Leading Faithful Innovation, from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. We will discuss the introduction next month.

Reports:

Pastor Julie: Julie’s report is attached.

Pastor Kim: Kim reported that “we got through Lent and Holy Week.” Her report will be attached

Treasurer Report: We experienced a net loss of around \$44,000 for the first quarter, though that is easily explained by such things as half of the year’s insurance needed to be paid in the first quarter, additional mission allocations based on the higher income in December, two-month catch-up on salaries in February, education allowance for the year paid in March, down payment for the new sound system in February, \$45,000 paid toward the new organ in March, and decreased giving in the quarter. He is not concerned about our finances at this time. After discussing how to handle the weekly fellowship money, Scott suggested that the easiest way to do this would be to deposit it in the locked mailbox. We have the money for the first phase of the sound system, and most of what is needed for the second phase has been promised. We will still offer the congregation the opportunity to contribute toward the second phase.

Continuing Business: Julie led a discussion on goals from the March retreat, especially in the areas of governance and ministry. To the question “What is it that you would hope that Holy Shepherd is known for in a few years down the road?”, discussion focused on service to (and with) the community and equal access to communications (“radical inclusion”). We broke up into the teams from the retreat to discuss the goals that had been established.

New Business: It is hoped that the Caffeinated Church Conference will be attended by some folks from Holy Shepherd. The council members also discussed briefly the need for affirmation and recognition and ESL classes, probably to be offered on Saturdays.

Closing Prayer: Tom offered a closing prayer.

Adjournment: 7:40 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 14th, 6:00 PM.

Impact Statement: The council discussion centered largely around goals and plans for the future.

Approval of minutes:

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Teske, Secretary

COUNCIL CORNER: notes from April 9th, 2024 council meeting

Pastor Julie presented a new book for the council to study this year, Leading Faithful Innovation, from Luther Seminary in St, Paul, MN. Holy Shepherd experienced a considerable financial shortfall in the first quarter of 2024, but there was a logical explanation for this, and our finances remain in good shape. Council members discussed the importance of service to (and with) the community and equal access to communications. The goal-setting teams (from the March board retreat) met briefly to fine-tune their goals.