

HOLY SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 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: Locking of the northwest door 15 minutes after worship begins and holding a fire drill. Pursuing some community needs, especially in relation to the high school.

Present: Kathleen Clark, President; Michael Boehm, Vice-President; Tom Teske, Secretary; Scott Ikeberry, Treasurer; Melinda Powelson, Personnel; Susan Linner, At Large Member; Taz Walkowich, At Large Member; Pastor Kim Gonia; Guest – Kevin Klinkerfues

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

Opening Devotion/Prayer: Susan led a prayer for our community.

Book Discussion: Kim led a discussion of chapter two of the study book for this year, Leading Faithful Innovation, from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. The chapter focused on listening to God, especially through community.

Kevin Klinkerfues spoke on behalf of the Safety and Security Team, voicing concern about the northwest door during worship services. He asked for permission to lock that door fifteen minutes after worship begins. It was felt that a sign by that door explaining this would be helpful. Mike suggested that ushers be required to monitor the area from the narthex during worship. A quiet doorbell by that door would be helpful. There will be communication with the congregation about this change. There was also discussion about a fire drill, likely at the end of a service in August. We need to formulate an emergency evacuation plan and communicate that through a temple talk some time prior to the drill. An announcement will be made at the beginning of the service so as not to frighten people. The drill will include participation of the West Metro Fire Department. It will be scheduled when they might be available. Council members supported this suggestion.

Reports:

Pastor Julie: No report (on vacation)

Pastor Kim: Kim called attention to the date change for the morning kids' event, the adult ed classes, the national youth gathering, and planning for God's Work Our Hands on September 8th. She also spoke of work being done on the Facebook page and anticipated work on the website. Her report is attached.

Treasurer Report: Income was up considerably for June, possibly in response to the generosity campaign (and five Sundays in June). The council is grateful to those who may have increased their weekly or monthly giving as a result of the generosity effort. Property expense to date remains high, especially because 75% of the insurance bill is due in the first half of the year. We are current on the organ payments, with the final payment due upon completion of the project.

Continuing Business:

Plans for the Ministry Connection Retreat are progressing well.

New Business

There was discussion of the need for providing some new fellowship opportunities.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the high school and how we can make a difference in that community, possibly starting by speaking with leaders at the school regarding what needs there might be that Holy Shepherd could address. Kathleen said that she would try to follow up on this.

Closing Prayer: The group offered a closing prayer.

Adjournment: 7:45 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 13th, 6:00 PM.

Impact Statement: The council discussion centered largely around security and safety and community outreach.

Approval of minutes:

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Teske, Secretary

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

Pastor Kim led a discussion of chapter two of the study book for this year, Leading Faithful Innovation, from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. The chapter focused on listening to God, especially through community. Kevin Klinkerfues spoke on behalf of the Safety and Security Team, sharing the need to lock the northwest door fifteen minutes into the worship services. He is also planning a fire evacuation drill, possibly for a Sunday in August. There will be prior presentation on that to the congregation. Pastor Kim reported on a number of activities, including work on Facebook and our website. Folks are encouraged to check out the Facebook page for some interesting updates. The treasurer reported that income was up considerably for June, possibly in response to the generosity campaign (and five Sundays in June). The council is grateful to those who may have increased their weekly or monthly giving as a result of the generosity effort. We are current on the organ payments, with the final payment due upon completion of the project. The pipes are presumed to be somewhere enroute between Texas and Colorado. Considerable discussion revolved around ways to make a difference in our community, particularly in the high school community.