

**HOLY SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

October 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration 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: Approved a continuation of the health plan for Pastor Kim.

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

Call to Order: 6:00

Opening Devotion/Prayer: We began with a shared prayer from all council members.

Book Discussion: Pastor Kim led the discussion of Chapter 5, “Faithful Innovation as a Way of Life for the Church” in the book *Leading Faithful Innovation*. The discussion focused a bit on young families and trying to learn from them what we and/or the church could do from them. It was felt that the sort of change in mind-set which the book suggests takes a long time (as in years) to happen.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report: September was a more encouraging month financially, thanks especially to some special gifts and the fact that most insurance payments were made earlier in the year. The treasurer’s report is attached.

Pastor Kim: Several baptisms are in the near future. Faith formation continues to be a priority. No printed report was offered due to her recent vacation.

Pastor Julie: Printed report is attached.

Continuing Business

- Generosity Team. The temple talk planned for October was done earlier (to explain the special gift). None is currently planned for the near future. It is hoped that folks would defer building fund contributions to the general fund.
- Immigration Team: The team will be managing trust funds for immigrant families.
- Fellowship: Application for trust funds for Fellowship if needed. There is ongoing discussion about how to handle the fellowship hour.
- Communications
 - Bulletin board
 - Website
 - Street side sign - marquee
 - Facebook (social media)
 - These areas were largely addressed in Julie’s report.
- Bee Hives: We discussed briefly the future of the beehive project on church property. There seemed to be no problems, and further discussion was tabled to next month.
- Cookie Ministry: Connecting with Lakewood High School was a great ministry both for those who participated and those who benefitted.

- Grant for ESL Classes There was considerable discussion about the potential opportunity of reaching out to the community through ESL classes. The grant is being worked on, largely by Kevin.
- Social Committee Group - work will be done on this in the coming weeks.
- Transportation: Organize people into neighborhood groups. It was felt that it would be more appropriate to offer a contact person who would help with this, to determine the level of need for this assistance. Mike offered to be the contact person for this.

New Business:

- Approving health plans for pastor Kim. Motion moved, seconded and passed to continue Kim's silver plus health plan.

Closing Prayer: "Hi, low, buffalo" sharing.

Adjournment: 7:44

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 12th, 6:00 PM

Impact Statement: The council continues to look at opportunities to reach out more effectively to our community.

Approval of minutes:

COUNCIL CORNER:

At its October 8th meeting, your church council approved the continuation of the health program for Pastor Kim and continued discussion of the book *Leading Faithful Innovation*. It was felt that the sort of change in mind-set which the book suggests takes a long time (as in years) to happen. September was a more encouraging month financially, thanks especially to some special gifts and the fact that most insurance payments were made earlier in the year. It is hoped that folks would defer building fund contributions to the general fund., since the building fund now has a great deal of money in it. Discussion also took place on the successful bee hive ministry, the successful cookie effort, the fellowship hour, transportation needs, and the possibility of expanded ESL classes to reach out into the community.