



Church Council Meeting Minutes

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church, Park City, Utah

August 8, 2022

Good Evening and Welcome: Walt Evans called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

Opening Prayer: Dave Vecchi provided the opening prayer as well as BBQ responsibilities.

Attendees: Walt Evans, Wendy Johnson, Julie Cooper, Stephanie Hurt, Annie Lamb

Regrets: Diane Raymond, Mary Antinori, Jennifer Lopansri

Guests: Dave Vecchi

Agenda Topics

- Executive Staff Update:
 - Motion made and seconded to approve Council minutes from July 11, 2022. All say yay.
 - Charitable Giving Allocation: Motion made by Annie Lamb and seconded by Stephanie Hurt to split remaining \$950 allocation between the food banks in North Summit (\$300), South Summit (\$300), and Wasatch Co (\$350). All voted in favor. Annie will contact each to find out if supplies or monetary donation is desired, and will supply Hope with appropriate addresses. Plan to distribute around Thanksgiving.
 - Council Membership: our Constitution states we should have no fewer than 9 Council members, currently have 8. We identified 8 individuals we thought will be outstanding contributors on Council or the Call Committee. Wendy will call the Council candidates to gauge interest. Would like this person to be on board by September (August 30) meeting.
 - Steve Rusk – Council
 - Liz Novack – Council
 - Robbie Sletta – Council
 - Allison Vallejo – Call
 - J.J. Ehlers – Call
 - Cheryl and Randy Thomson – Call
 - Jim Hytjen – Call
 - Pastoral and Staff Update:
 - Motion made by Julie Cooper and seconded by Annie Lamb to extend by 30 days Pastor Gordon's term as supply pastor and increase his salary to \$200 per week. All say yay. Will continue to extend every 30 days until an Interim Pastor is on board.

- Appears to be some confusion between Fellowship and Social Ministries responsibilities. Walt will contact the committee chairs to clarify.
 - Exec committee will meet with Kim Fry to determine where Reconciling In Christ (RIC) lies; Fellowship, Social Ministries or separate task force.
 - Due to lack of attendance the September Exec and Council meetings will be changed to August 29 for Exec, and August 30 for Council. All meetings will be at 5:30pm at church.
 - Constitution and Bylaws: As part of the transition process we'll be updating the Constitution and Bylaws. Exec Committee will review these on August 29th and make recommendations to Council on August 30th. Documents should be reviewed prior to the 8/30 meeting. Note that any article with an asterisk (*) is a Synod requirement and cannot be changed.
 - 8/29 – Exec committee review Constitution and Bylaws
 - 8/30 – recommended changes presented to Council
 - 10/13 – (or earlier) revisions will be communicated to the Congregation
 - 11/13 – changes/revisions voted on at Congregation meeting
- Committee Reports and Updates:
 - Property/Fellowship/Social Ministries (reports previously sent)
 - Finance
 - Everyone currently under budget
 - Biggest expenditures: Payroll and Property
 - Plenty of cash on hand now, need to be careful of long-term financial commitments
 - Challenge is figuring out Giving for upcoming year so we can budget appropriately
 - Worship
 - Have hymn selection through September
 - Will work with Pastor Gordon on his selections if any
 - Working with the organist to speed up the tempo
 - Pastor Gordon not available on 11/22 or 12/25 if he is needed
- Roundtable Discussion
 - None
- Action Item Summary:
 - Walt will talk to Fellowship and Social Ministries committee chairs
 - Wendy to contact Council candidates
 - Exec committee to meet with Kim Fry re: RIC
 - Annie to work on Charitable Giving distribution
 - Julie to give transition update on 8/14
 - Stephanie to give transition update on 8/21

Stephanie Hurt provided closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday, August 29, 2022 at 5:30pm.