



Church Council Meeting Minutes

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church, Park City, Utah

February 13, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm. Pastor Rob opened in prayer.

Attendees: Pastor Rob Moss, , Jennifer Lopansri, Wendy Johnson, Julie Cooper, Dave Vecchi, Annie Lamb

Attendees via Zoom: Stephanie Hurt, Mary Antinori

Regrets: Alison Vallejo, Diane Raymond

Agenda Topics

- RIC Welcome Statement:
 - Council is being asked to vote on this draft to present to the congregation for review and then vote on at the May Congregation meeting.
 - Purpose of this updated welcome statement is to be more inclusive and less cumbersome.
 - Includes updates from Lutheran Concerned.
 - Discussion included the following:
 - where are we going with this statement?
 - are we focusing on people who don't attend church?
 - is it the language not the message?
 - is verbiage too specific?
 - are members leaving the church because of our position?
 - LGBTQIA+ won't feel welcome at church unless they are highlighted.
 - SOM has received calls from the LGBTQIA+ community wondering what our stance is and if we're truly welcoming.
 - Pastor will speak to Kim Fry about these concerns and discuss how to address them and move forward.
- Transition Update:
 - 2 week Transition Overview discussions went well.
 - Would like to move forward with selecting the Transition Team
 - Important to have nominations from the Congregation-submit to Jennifer
 - Will start communications with congregation via Epistle, Bulletin, Eblast
 - Announcements at the following services: 2/19-Jennifer, 2/26-Julie, 3/5-Dave, and 3/12-Alison
 - Jennifer to create talking points for these announcements
- Congregation Outreach:
 - Council members to make one-on-one connections with members.
 - Conversations should take place before the Transition Team is formed.

- Need some type of agenda/talking points for these discussions.
- Finance Review:
 - See report previously emailed.

Committee Reports/Updates

- Worship:
 - No Palm Sunday procession.
 - Jeff Thomas and Ledger will assist as Zoom operators.
 - Will look at possibility of using art work from A Sanctified Art through Lent
 - Will hold off on projecting service for now.
- Fellowship:/Social Ministry:
 - Cross Country snowshoe on March 5.
 - Soup Suppers during Lent will happen.
 - Easter Brunch is scheduled.
 - Jennifer has Easter bags for a children's activity.
 - Global Barnyard – donations accepted for one more week, Annie wants a cow and we're close!
- Property:
 - See report previously emailed.
 - Mary to reach out to Crosspoint Church to understand if they're still interested in using the church for their services.
 - Mary will send out the conversation specifics with Robby Plemmons.
 - Bike Group – would like to use the church for 25-30 people for a few days. Mary will get more information from them.

Other Business

- Administrative Documentation:
 - In preparing for the Transition period, would like all church documents stored electronically in one place. These include lease agreements, church constitution, job descriptions, etc. Jennifer to contact Hope in securing these documents safely.

Jennifer Lopansri provided closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Next meeting is Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:00pm.