

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Board of Trustees Meeting November 11, 2019

In attendance: Barbara Ashton, Dennis Dickerson, Mark Miller, Pr. James Wakefield, Dave Weiss, Jennifer Wollesen, Curtis Zeeh
Absent: Chris Hopkins; Guests: Pastor Jeff & Pastor Susan

Dennis called the meeting to order at 5:57 PM and opened with prayer.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed. The minutes of the Annual Congregation meeting were approved as printed. These minutes will be ratified by the congregation at our next meeting.

Old Business: No update on roof. Trunk or Treat was held indoors because of the weather. Everything went well. Faithful Families ice skating was well attended. The LCMC conference was not very well attended from our congregation. Maybe more information about breakout sessions is needed in the future. Dennis will contact our representative at St. John about a member of our congregation being our representative on their board for the Day Care Business.

New Business: Mike Platz has volunteered to be our Member-at-Large Trustee. Mike will be vetted by the Call Committee and appointed. His term will be voted on at the next annual meeting.

Election of President and Vice-President: Jennifer moved and Dave seconded that Barbara Ashton be nominated for President and Dennis Dickerson be nominated for Vice-President. Motion carried. Our officers include: Barbara Ashton, President; Dennis Dickerson, Vice-President, Dave Weiss, Treasurer; and Jennifer Wollesen, Secretary.

Pastor Report: Attendance was up last Sunday and giving units are up. Staff is working well and is focused on Thanksgiving and Advent/Christmas. Pastoral Care call have been challenging. The change in the 11:15 service was explained to all services and no critical comments have been made. Pastor Jeff supplied the board with a chart of the differences being made.

Installation of the 3 new board members will take place Sunday November 17th. All board members are asked to attend.

Financial: Income is down for the month and there have been several high expenses which include bank fraud, taxes and repairs to Johnsonway house. Another way of writing checks will be investigated including credit card transfers or Venmo or something else. The staff is reviewing the supplies used at church.

Has the cost risen or are we using more supplies? Kathy will look into getting our taxes lowered or eliminated on our Milestone houses.

Legal: Nothing to report.

Human Relations: We received our latest health care insurance bill. It will increase by 5% next year. The increase was in line with what was budgeted. A review of the allocation of costs to the church and employees on health and dental insurance will take place.

Marketing: Curtis hopes Kathy can take over more of the website updating starting in January. Advertising for Christmas needs to be discussed. Prompts need to be put on the website about our upcoming events. The outdoor sign us out for bids.

Missions: Paula & Denny Lofstrom of IHP will be attending services on November 17 to talk about Tanzania. We are hoping to send 2 teams there in 2020.

Facilities: Johnsonway Dr. house update is coming along. Lights are being replaced as needed in the church building. Patches have been made to the parking lot. We have gotten praise for the additional van accessible handicap parking spots. Fall cleanup went very well.

The next meeting will be December 9, 2019 at 6 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM. Pastor Jeff led us in prayer.

Respectively Submitted,
Jennifer Wollesen
Secretary