

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Board of Trustees Meeting January 11, 2021

In attendance: Barbara Ashton, Terrilee Fritz, Chris Hopkins, Larry Miller, Mike Miller, Mike Platz, Pr. James Wakefield, Jennifer Wollesen

Absent: None Guests: Pr. Jeff Tally and Pr. Susan Westland

The meeting was opened by Barbara at 6:32 PM as we had problems getting Zoom to work. Pr. Jeff offered the opening prayer.

A quorum was established. The minutes of the December meeting were approved as printed.

New Business – The plan is to offer Zoom for meetings until Covid-19 is gone, then business as usual.

Old Business – A letter regarding Pr. James upcoming retirement was emailed to the congregation. About 16 letters will need to be USPS mailed to congregational members who don't have email.

Pastor Report - Oye! It's been a wild month with staff being quarantined as necessary. Morale is good and staff is taking vacation days as necessary.

Christmas Drive Thru – about 700 candy canes were handed out. 220 listened to the audio portion. The estimate is about 500-600 people attended. The volunteers did an amazing job. A big thank you to Nicole Weiss for organizing the event. Plans for next year are in the works. We need to expand our volunteer base for help.

Christmas service – about 60-65 people attended each. Down from the reservation list. The services went well and people who watched on line enjoyed the service. Some of the parts of the service were pre-recorded due to covid-19. Thank you to Dan Nestel for recording the necessary parts. A discussion was had about the pastors having “floating heads” because of the white background. We may try colored floor lamps for the background.

Financial – Mel is still closing the books and a financial report will be given at a later date.

Human Relations – All reviews have been completed. Next month Pr. Susan will explain “Casting a Vision for Good Shepherd”.

Legal – Constitution and By-Law update. We are still working on getting the wording correct. Chris will work on inserting information on selecting the members of the Call Committee. The main sticking point is how to ensure everyone has the ability to attend congregational meetings either in person or via telecommunications. Also, how do we handle voting. Several Trustees said they would ask people they know how their businesses handle meetings.

Marketing – Larry is in the process of meeting with all 3 pastors to get their view. The Thank You cards are being made available to the congregation. These cards are meant for Servicemen/women, First Responders, Health Care personnel, and Teachers. Larry is also looking into small group ministries and planning a weekend to cut wood and make crosses to sell to the congregation to install in their yards. We have joined Linked-in which is a social media avenue.

Facilities – No update on the speed bumps.

Mission – Nothing to report

At Large - Vacant

Next meeting is February 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM

The meeting closed at 7:28 with prayer by Barb.

Respectively Submitted,
Jennifer Wollesen
Secretary