

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Board of Trustees Meeting

6/15/21

In attendance: Barbara Ashton, Chris Hopkins, Larry Miller, Mark Miller, Pr. Jeff Tally, Dave Weiss, Jennifer Wollesen

Absent: TeriLee Fitz, Mike Platz Guests: Pr. James Wakefield

The meeting was opened by Barbara at 6:03 PM. Pr. Jeff offered the opening prayer and devotion.

A quorum was present.

Larry Miller moved and Dave Weiss seconded that the minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business – Custodian position: Pr. Jeff passed out information that Kathy gathered on cost of replacing our custodian when he retires. After discussion, it was decided to use volunteers for grass cutting for 3 months to see how it works out. Nicole will get volunteers and set up a schedule. If after 3 months, it is not working, we will look into hiring a landscape firm to mow. Nicole will also try to get the Duct Tape Crew together again for repairs. It was decided that after Wayne's retirement, he will be asked to continue with the security and lock up of building in return for the reduction in rent.

New Business – See Pastor report

Pastor Report - Board of Trustees update - Pr. Jeff would like to start every meeting with prayer and a short devotion. People are liking the these "Hope is Rising" and it will become our major theme. Pr. Jeff wants to transform our "lobby" from a pass to and from service to a come and visit place including but not limited to the coffee bar and some bestro tables. He would also like to see a covering of some type over the entrance way and tables and chairs placed outside. In place of one of the cork boards, he would like to see 2 blackboards (what size do you want? Actual board or adhesive backed one?) – one for adults and a lower one for children to place their prayer requests. These would be erased every Tuesday. People can look and pray for people during the week. He also would like the pictures of the kids updated, plus other pictures etc. to show who we are and what we care about. After June 27, the mask area will be eliminated in the Sanctuary. It is not being used. Communion will start with pilgrim line on June 27 also. People not wanting to take communion in this way will still use the sealed communion cups. Volunteer Coordinator update – Nicole is focusing on Fellowship, sunshine committee and every door visit. The congregation will be asked to refill out or fill out the gift's assessment by Rally Day so Nicole can find volunteers that fit the job.

Staff update – Pr. Jeff will be meeting with staff to train them to elevate their goals in all things. In August, they will be starting Leadership Training with Dave Weiss.

Church update – The Missions committee needs more people on committee and to set goals. We will start reaching out to LDS more overtly. Also, we will start making ourselves and our Lutheran identity distinct as LCMC – Christ centered Bible Believing, Spirit Filled. Pastor Susan is at an LCMC District Coordinator meeting in St. Joseph, IL. At the conference she will be meeting the national coordinator of the Alliance Renewal Churches that are affiliated with LCMC in hopes that GSLC might be able to join ARC as part of their non-geographic district within LCMC in which Pr. Jeff has great interest.

Pr. Jeff is planning on starting a New Member class in July.

Financial – Here is a summary:

- Overall, we were \$10,000 short for the month of May alone, higher than previous months (51k\$ of income, 61k\$ of expense)
- Over the 5 months YTD, we show a \$27,000 shortfall, \$5,400 per month on average
- Our overall cash balance (after dedicated funds) dropped from \$122,000 to \$88,000 last month

- The overpayment on the Johnson Way and Milestone houses was resolved. There was an accounting error, and in addition they pay 2 months early in the year then don't pay in December, so I have excluded that extra \$3600 in the numbers and will keep excluding until December and then it will be included at the end of the year
- The pastors and staff continue to keep their business expense spending low to assist with our shortfall. They have only spent \$1007 so far this year vs. a budget of \$7200
- Transaction fees (under the Bank Charges line) was a little lower, only \$511 this past month, but still elevated vs previous years
- We did receive a \$1136 reimbursement for National Paid Leave. I assume this offset salary for a staff member out due to Covid-19, and that was an additional income in May

Some other comments about Expenses I noticed:

- \$1008 spend the past month on Grounds Care. I assume this was for the Clean-up Day. The yearly budget is \$2000
- We spend \$652.50 for quarterly security payment. Budget for the year is only \$1200 although we have spent \$1100 already
- We spent \$1155 for Music Subscriptions/Copyrights this past month and \$1431 YTD. The annual budget is \$1500. There was a note that Barb indicated we do pay most of this mid-year so hopefully there won't be much additional expense the rest of the year, but this may be something that needs to be discussed
- We made an annual payment of \$960 for cloud hosting. Apparently, that may lower our \$200 monthly expense for technology services to Yon Paul, but so far we are continuing to pay that \$200 to him
- We have put \$0 so far this year into the Tanzania mission Fund and our budget indicates we should have directed \$1750 to this account so this is currently underfunded by that amount
- Similarly, we have directed \$0 to "unbudgeted Mission Funds" and our budget says we should have directed \$2170 to this account YTD

Human Relations – Barb noted that Nicole has asked the BOT to help with the welcome party for Pr. Jeff.

Legal – Nothing to report.

Marketing – Bike blessing did not go as well as he wanted. He will try next year to get more bikes i.e., contact the local police departments for their participation. We had a discussion about how we should step out to the unchurched and LDS community to let people know that our church is a safe place to ask questions and be non-judgmental. Pr. Jeff is interested in joining this organization to help distribute food and other help. <https://www.utahfoodforfamilies.com/about>. Pr. Jeff has offered to teach a class on "How to talk to Jesus" to help us start a conversation with others.

Facilities – Nothing to report

Mission – Nothing to report.

At Large - This position is moving towards Leadership training.

Next meeting is July 20

The meeting closed at 7:55 PM by Barbara with prayer.

Respectively Submitted,
Jennifer Wollesen
Secretary