

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Council Minutes

May 18, 2021

Present: Keith Casey, Jennifer Charles, Craig Dreger, Tom Dunham, Pastor Koepsell, Sharon Leinweber, Lois for Nicole Schroeder, Chad Smith, Julie Toll, Matt Toll, Krista Weiss, and Leslie Mason.

President Casey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Meeting was opened with devotion from Ezekiel 37:1 - 10, Lutheran Hour Ministries.
Dry Bones: Matt Toll shared his personal dry bones story and how he has recently been reenergized after attending the Sexual Integrity Leadership seminar in Texas. Matt encouraged all on the leadership team to attend this seminar next year.

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Board reports for April M/S/A

Announcements

Pastor:

- July 11 the shelter at Menomonee Park has been rented. There is no band at this time. The congregation will be asked to bring a dish to pass and chairs. Trinity and the Hmong Congregation will be invited to join us.
- Trinity will have their picnic on August 29th. Good Shepherd will be invited.
- A generous gift has been given to Good Shepherd from a number of members. If all donations funnel through it should be approximately \$5000.
 - Discussion on how to use this gift included improving the landscaping around the church, set up some outdoor seating areas for people to socialize outdoors and look into playground equipment for the children. Motion /S/A to set aside \$3000 for landscaping improvements. Sharon Leinweber has a landscape plan which she will price out and present to the board.
- LWML has formed under the leadership of Mary Becker. Mary will be asked to come to the June Council meeting to provide an overview.
- May 30th is the 5th Sunday in May and will be Trinity Sunday with Matins liturgy.
- June, July and August we will change to communion the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. There will be no communion on the 2nd and 4th Sunday. This will give us an

opportunity to invite non-members without having to explain closed communion. There will be a review to see if this will continue in the fall.

Discussion

Chad:

- We have received a grant from Sebert foundation for \$4000 to improve the video streaming. Peter Mehn has taken the lead on this and will work on the enhancements.
- Credit Card for the church to help streamline the Treasure position. This would allow Krista to make purchases for approved items for the boards. This would minimize the number of reimbursement checks that are written each month. More discussion will be needed to establish a process, checks and balances. (tabled at this time)

Dan:

- Policy for background checks for volunteers working with youth
 - Dan contacted GRACE a nonprofit that works with organizations setting up policies, training and background checks for organizations. They also do a facility audit and make recommendations for improvements to safe guard the youth. The package plan is \$5000. A discount is available with additional congregations joining the training. (tabled at this time) Dan and Keith will meet with the Board Leadership involved with youth to discuss the needs of each group and come back with a proposal. The background checks and policy is needed prior to January 1, 2022 to maintain our current insurance rates.
- Leadership Meeting
 - A weekend date was not available until September which is late to start planning the next budget year. Motion to meet at 6pm prior to the council meetings for June, July and August for planning. Dan and Keith will facilitate these meetings and set up the agenda.

Lois (for Nicole Schroeder):

- Water fest
 - May 25 there will be a meeting by the Water fest organizers. We will find out the date that we will be assigned at that meeting.

Craig/Pastor: On Sunday May 23 Confirmands will be taking communion at the table with their families. This will require 5 tables. Pastor will let Alter Guild and the Elders know how Communion will be distributed to the rest of the congregation.

Motion M/S/A to adjourn at 8:15 pm

Pastor Koepsell closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Mason, Recording Secretary