

Gold Hill Lutheran Church Council
Minutes – July 16, 2019

The meeting of the council was called at 6:02 p.m. Present were Mike Lawson, President; Curt Quist, Administrative Executive; Peggy Graving, Secretary; Julie Corbin, Spiritual Ministry; Chris Ketchum, Worship Ministry, Lynn Aniksdal, Leadership Ministry; Pastor Laurie Jungling. Revonda Stordahl, Treasurer, arrived after roll.

Pastor led us in devotions: Ephesians 1:17-18. Our God, Father of Glory, gives us a spirit of wisdom and revelation for our congregation, so that with the eyes of our hearts we are enlightened. We will know hope for the future with God's guidance. Pray over and over for ourselves and for our congregation.

The minutes of June 11, 2019 were approved as emailed by a motion from Lynn Aniksdal and seconded by Julie Corbin.

A final report of the Transition Team was presented by Dale Schultz. Vern Nielson, member of the Transition Team, was also present. Dale reported that the final survey was completed by 65 members. Thirty-Nine of the members who completed the form had been members for 20 plus years, 9 have been members 10 plus years. The report shows that we, as members of Gold Hill, are hesitant on asking others to come to our church. Those who filled out the form feel we do outreach, but need to do more outreach in our neighborhood. Those who completed the form feel they need a new Pastor that can do everything asked on the form. Most are happy with the 9:30 service time, but we could look at meeting on other days. We need to be more specific in our needs. This complete report is in the hands of the transition team committee members, the council, and two copies are in the office. They are available for anyone who would like to read the report. This report will be given to the Call Committee and is the beginning "leg work" for calling a new Pastor. We were encouraged to make aware to the Call Committee programs and ideas we, as council members, would like to try or are going to complete this next year. It is valuable information for them to be able to pass along to the candidates when they are being interviewed. Pastor reminded us that the Pastoral candidates are interviewing us as much as we are interviewing them. Mike thanked the Transition Team for all their hours of devoted work for the congregation.

Treasurer's Report: Revonda summed up the report that she emailed earlier. We are in the green by \$12,000. Discussion was held regarding the fact that the building maintenance funds are dwindling, and the committee needs to be aware of the funds that remain. Portico has been informed of Pastor Laurie's departure from Gold Hill. The funds for YAGM have been mailed. Peggy moved and Julie seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted as printed. The motion carried.

Pastor Laurie's Report: Pastor Laurie presented her final report in draft form. Attached is the final report from Pastor Laurie. In addition to her report Pastor discussed that Ruthe and Holly were expected to report on their time at FLBC as part of their acceptance of financial help to attend camp. Julie will connect with them and select a Sunday for them to give a brief ministry minute before the church service. Chance Howard, the grandson of one of our neighbors, died on Saturday. Chance had attended activities at our church when he was a child. They will have cars in our lot while family and friends are visiting. We will send a sympathy card and offer prayers for the family. There is a need for a Building Policy. A member is asking to use the fellowship hall on July 27th for a party. It has been phrased it could be a surprise wedding. This is not appropriate and cannot be approved. Curt will visit with the person who is requesting to use the building. We are aware that this teen has a key to the church and we need to ask for the key to be returned to the office.

Reports of the Council Members:

Mike Lawson: Mike passed out the current membership list. He has asked each of us to go over the list and make notations by those who are no longer members. A committee of Jeanette Nielsen, Lynn Aniksdal and Mike will review the lists and mail a letter to those we are unsure about to find out their desire for membership at Gold Hill. Mike will convene the Call Committee on the 25th of July. Jason A. from the Bishop's Office will attend to give the guidelines and procedures for the calling of a new Pastor.

Curt Quist: Curt contacted the insurance company and the increase is within the guidelines of the policy that we have. The cost will be \$955 per quarter this year. We have asked them to inform us of any increase before the November meeting so that we can budget for the increases. He is working on a wedding

policy. We will work on the policy but will not finalize it until we have a new Pastor and he/she agrees to the policy.

Lynn Aniksdal: Please see attached report. Marshal Mickelson has agreed to help write a rental agreement for the parsonage. Curt will help with this. Bob Bentley has given a bid for the repair on the window wells for the basement. The bid includes excavation, removal of rotten frames, new framing, and the addition of new galvanized window wells. The bid is \$7,326.00. Curt will contact the insurance company and we will begin as directed by them. Jim, Lynn's son-in-law, replaced the door in the basement. A new handle needs to be purchased and attached.

Chris Ketchum: Chris read a proposal from the Worship Committee to not hire an interim. They estimated that we would be without a Pastor for approximately 17 weeks. They had a list of individuals they thought they could ask to preach. The motion was made by Curt not to hire an interim, Chris seconded and discussion followed. Pastor Laurie stated the reasons she felt an interim was valuable. Each of the council members stated their thoughts. The motion was defeated. Revonda moved that we ask for a part time interim. The motion was seconded by Lynn and this motion passed. Mike will contact Jason, at the Bishop's office, and request an interim Pastor.

An interview with Dave Coleman will be held by Mike, Curt, and Chris. Salary was discussed and Revonda will provide past salaries with qualifications to the committee. If we have any questions we would like the committee to include when interviewing Dave please let Chris know.

Julie Corbin: There were 18 children at VBS. The counselors made everything so much fun. Their enthusiasm for camp has excited at least one child Julie knows and knows he definitely will be attending camp next year. Facebook is up and running. She has added the prayer vigil and the potluck set for Sunday. Julie has received different materials online for Sunday School with new, fun topics to use to reach our children. She is very excited about trying these materials. She is planning to begin Theology on Tap in the fall. She has not thought of any ideas for the teenagers yet and is working on the adult formation classes.

New Business:

Peggy reported that Jerry Aaker is willing to return to the council for the remainder of the year as Outreach Minister. He is worried about getting the GWOH Sunday organized. Volunteers are needed. Dale Schultz wants to help with distribution of pamphlets in the neighborhood. He will talk with Jerry. Peggy moved and Curt seconded the appointment of Jerry as Outreach Minister. The motion carried.

Mike will contact Jason about having the interim Pastor possibly two days a week. We are willing to negotiate days, times, and salary. We discussed we would need the interim for Sunday services and for Pastoral care.

Lynn moved to adjourn the meeting. Julie seconded and the motion carried. We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.