

## **Council Minutes for Gold Hill Lutheran Church November 12, 2019**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:15 by Mike Lawson, President.** The following answered roll call: Mike Lawson, President; Curt Quist, Administration Director; Peggy Graving, Secretary; Jerry Aaker, Outreach Ministry; Chris Ketchum, Worship Ministry; Lynn Aniksdal, Leadership Ministry, and Revonda Stordahl, Treasurer. Julie Corbin's, Spiritual Ministry, and Pastor Trina's absences were excused.

***Curt Quist led us in devotions from Luke 21:5-19.*** This passage will be the gospel lesson for Sunday's service. By being faithful, you will be ready for what comes to you each day. The thought we centered on was live each day to its fullest for you do not know what is coming.

***Curt moved and Lynn seconded the acceptance of the minutes as emailed from the October council meeting.***

Revonda previewed the reports that were emailed to everyone. We are \$5300 under budget in income in October. We are under budget in spending by \$4400 for the month of October. She has paid the Bentley bill for the repair work on the window wells and the carpeting bill for the parsonage. Year to date we are also under budget in our income, and under budget in our expenses. Curt moved and seconded the acceptance of the treasurer's report. The Motion passed. Revonda has received budget information from most of the council and needs to visit with Mary to get office expenses and Curt for recommendations on salaries.

Pastor Trina's report was reviewed. The letter from Pastor Trina regarding membership status was moved by Peggy and seconded by Lynn to be mailed as written. After discussion the motion passed. Curt moved, Chris seconded that action to retain or remove names from the membership list will occur thirty days after the letter is mailed to the members. The motion passed. Curt moved, Revonda seconded, and the motion carried to accept Pastor Trina's report.

### **Reports of the council members:**

Mike passed out the letter from the Bishops' office confirming the contract with Pastor Trina Johnsten.

Curt has been working on policies to satisfy the recommendations from the Audit Committee. Curt moved, Peggy seconded and the motion passed to accept the Financial Best Practices for Congregations Policy and Expense Form. Discussion was held suggesting that annually the asset inventory page be reviewed, changed as need and signed by the Administrative Director. Curt brought a request from Tony to work extra hours so he can take a trip at the beginning of next year. Discussion was held and the request was denied by a vote of the council (Curt made the motion and it was seconded by Lynn). Curt will let Tony know. Curt will make salary recommendations. The Samaritan Fund signatures were completed after three trips to US Bank. Curt had thank you cards for Mike Vincent and Lynn's son-in-law for their work on the church. We all signed the cards.

Lynn Aniksdal provided a written report attached. She highlighted the work by Bruce in the front stairwell in the narthex, the new whiteboard framed by Alan, and the lights fixed by Curt. They are still working on solutions for the lights in the Fellowship Hall and for covers on the new window wells.

Chris Ketchum reviewed her report (attached). Discussion was held on using some of the remaining budget on new Christmas decorations for the church for Christmas.

Julie had no report.

Jerry Aaker reviewed his attached report.

Peggy asked if there were funds that could be used to send a small package to our YAGM student for the holidays. Everyone agreed that this should be done.

### **New Business:**

The members of the nominating committee elected at the annual meeting is incomplete. According to the Bylaws the committee should consist of six members, four from the congregation at large and two retiring from the council (if possible). Only four members were elected. After discussion the council decided to ask two of the council members who left the board in January to advise the nominating committee. Mike will contact these members and let Pastor Trina know who they are so that the nominating committee can be called and begin their work.

The request for the Lutefisk dinner will come by email later this week. The funds raised will be used to purchase new tables for the Fellowship Hall.

Lynn asked if funds could be found to purchase a new vacuum for the church. Revonda asked Lynn to research different prices and get back to her.

**Old Business:**

Budget preparation is beginning. Expect a call from Revonda to go over the numbers you have given her. Revonda will be asking Bruce to help her prepare the budget.

Lynn reported that the MSP has been received at the Bishop's office and is up on the Call Website for Pastors to review and ask for interviews.

Curt moved, Lynn seconded and the motion passed to close the meeting.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Graving, Secretary

On Wednesday, November 13, 2019, via email Mike moved that the Lutefisk fundraiser be approved. It will be held December 7, 2019. The proceeds will go to the purchase of new tables for the Fellowship Hall. The motion passed. (Mike's motion is attached.)