

Minutes for March 10, 2020's Council Meeting Gold Hill Lutheran Church

The meeting was called to order by Mike Lawson, President. The following were present: Mike Lawson, President; Curt Quist, Administration Director; Revonda Stordahl, Treasurer; Peggy Graving, Secretary; Dale Schultz, Outreach Ministry; Chris Ketchum, Worship Ministry; Lynn Aniksdal, Leadership Ministry; Julie Corbin, Spiritual Ministry; and Pastor Trina Johnsten.

Pastor Trina Johnsten led us in devotions from Matthew 1:20. It stressed compassion over judgement. If we tend to the growth of compassion in our hearts God will use us in different ways.

Revonda moved, Lynn seconded the approval of the minutes as written and emailed. The motion passed. Revonda reported that in February we had a loss of \$3900. Our income was \$5500 under budget but our expenses were \$3000 less than budgeted. We had a special offering of \$278 for FLBC. Expenses included pest control, shampooing a rug, property taxes (which we pay quarterly) and pastor call expenses. Curt moved; Dale seconded the adoptions of the report. The motion passed.

Pastor Trina's report is attached in the office. She highlighted the leading of the cluster meeting with eleven in attendance at Gold Hill on March 10th. She has used the Samaritan Fund twice. They had a thank you from Al-Anon for the use of our building.

Reports of the Council:

Mike attended the Cluster Meeting and mentioned how thankful and lucky we are for having a vibrant church. He said that after meeting with other Pastors we have few problems and work together. Mike has been working with Tao Hiam regarding the death of her Dad, Rod Hiam. The family has no money and Mike is working at finding the funds for his cremation and burial. Pastor Trina's contract needs to be renewed by March 31st. Julie moved; Chris seconded the motion to extend Pastor Trina's contract. The motion passed.

Curt shared the policies for a Pastor's Sabbatical and for Parsonage Use. No action was taken on these at this time. Discussion was had regarding the length that a sabbatical should be for a Pastor and that the guidelines we were looking at were just that – suggestions and guidelines.

Lynn has her attached report. She thanked Janette Quist and Peggy Graving for getting the Archive Room cleaned so quickly. Shingles have come off the roof over the sanctuary in the high winds we have had. She got one quote from Over the Top Roofing who have a drone and took pictures of the roof. They will not patch the roof unless we agree to having the entire roof replaced for \$47,161.00. She was encouraged to get other bids. Curt will check with the insurance company on how they want us to proceed.

Chris highlighted the Lent and Easter Season. Her report is attached in the office.

Julie attended training in Great Falls for FLBC Summer Vacation Bible School. We will share Bible School with Gloria Dei at Gloria Dei the week of June 14th.

Dale's report is attached in the office.

New Business:

Dale would like to have permission to pursue the idea of building a warehouse with office for the Furniture Bank in our extra lot. He has already had plans for the building drawn up by an architect. He would like to talk to a lawyer regarding what would be done to get the area rezoned (It is currently R-2) and put together a possible lease. Julie moved and Chris seconded the motion to let Dale explore the options we would have. Questions were raised regarding: How would you feel having this in your neighborhood? What happens to the furniture bank if something happens to Curt? Is there someone in place that can take over?

There are some sanitary concerns in the church. We need to make sure that Tony is wiping down doorknobs, light switches, counters, etc. with bleach containing cleaner. The bathrooms need to be correctly cleaned and sanitized. A more qualified janitor may become necessary. Discussion about this to follow later.

Old Business:

Easter Breakfast will be headed up by Maria and Kevin Biastoch. They are asking for everyone's help.

The Call Committee is putting their package together and will be meeting with the prospective Pastor via phone on Wednesday. All notices have gone out for the Special Meeting of the Congregation on March 15th after our church service. Peggy will take care of sign-up sheets for the meeting.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Following the meeting the Gold Hill Council hosted a cocktail social with Gloria Dei's Council in the Social Hall. The purpose of the gathering was to find ways we could work together more often.