

Minutes of the August 11, 2020 Council Meeting

The August 11, 2020 Council Meeting of Gold Hill Lutheran Church was held at 6:00 p.m. at Gold Hill in the social hall. The meeting was called to order by Mike Lawson, President. Curt Quist, Administrative Assistant; Revonda Stordahl, Treasurer; Peggy Graving, Secretary; Julie Corbin, Spiritual Minister; Lynn Anniksdal, Leadership Minister; Dale Schultz, Outreach Minister; and Pastor Marlow Carrels present. Chris Ketchum, Worship Minister, was excused.

Devotions were provided by Pastor Marlow from James 4. It talked about enemies and quarreling. It mentions that people desire to do what others are doing. Some are coveting what other churches are doing. James warns that we have all we need. We need to turn to God and thank Him for what we do have.

Minutes of the July 14th, 2020 were moved to be accepted by Julie and seconded by Lynn. One change was that Pastor had mentioned orally in his report that the church would be rekeyed. The minutes were approved with the addition of the above.

Sheila, from the Day Care downstairs, came to present her plans for opening the Day Care. She has completed the County requirements and they have inspected the area. Sheila asked if we could put a doorknob on the second door downstairs so they would have two entrances. She would provide the doorknob. Students would be met outside by Sheila and no parents would be in the building. Their class times will be staggered and be done by the 1 p.m. dismissal of the public schools. There would be 24 students in the building at a time. She talked about the sanitation that she would be performing. She is beginning her classes two weeks after the public schools to see how they do in the beginning. If they have problems she will not open this fall. She would like to pay her rent month by month not as she has done in the past. After she left we discussed her plan to open and requests. We discussed the doorknob on the second door and the stairwell leading to the door. It is hazardous during the winter months. Curt said he would like to have Petes' Posse look at the door and have a walk through to see if the door situation will work or if we will need to use the sanctuary doors. We all agreed that it made sense for her to pay month to month. Julie moved, Lynn seconded that Sheila be allowed to open the school following all the guidelines she named and that she can pay month to month. Curt would like to have Petes' Posse do the walk through. Dale amended the motion to state that we allow Sheila to open if Petes' Posse can make the outside door open and can seal the upstairs door if the sanctuary door is needed. Curt seconded the motion as amended. The motion carried. Curt will advise Sheila of the decision.

Treasurer's Report: Revonda reported the following:

- We paid for some of the roofing materials. The amount paid was \$13,765.75. We had \$12,528.42 in the building fund. I used \$12,500 from the building fund and the remaining \$1,265.75 was charged to property improvements/major repairs.
- We had to pay David Allen (the roofer) \$5,000. That was paid from the Thrivent Fund account. The account had \$6,224.41 in the account.
- We paid the Montana Synod 10% of our offerings for April, May and June in the amount of \$3,563.
- Net income for the month of July was -\$4,002.18.

Revonda reviewed the year to date, actual verses budget and a comparison of this year with last year. Peggy moved, Julie seconded and the motion passed to accept the treasurer's report.

Pastor's Report: Attached. Pastor added that we are reaching out to our neighbors by having the services outside. We discussed that we need to carefully watch the budget and ask each member to bring their expenses before the council. Dale reminded Pastor that during the CALL process it was mentioned that Pastor may want to create a committee that he feels he can communicate with and feel comfortable receiving their advice. No motion was made in this regard, but Pastor will think about it.

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President's Report: We discussed, as a council, that we will continue having services outside using the parking lot of the church until we are in phase three. Dale and Curt had discussed with Pastor the use of the choir loft so everyone can see him, and with inclement weather the use of electronics would be better if they were indoors. Pastor is still working on the broadcasting of the service because we are using different systems and need to use what we have.

Administrative assistant: Curt said he had nothing new to report.

Spiritual Minister: Julie reports that the training she would like to do with Gloria Dei is in the works. It would be virtual and done this fall so we would be ready when we are in Phase Three. The program takes lots of volunteers. Julie's son is taking Confirmation with Pastor Sarah at Gloria Dei. He is the only student at the right age from Gold Hill at this time.

Leadership Minister: Lynn reported that Dave, the contractor for the roof, needed his money last week in order to save us 8% in the cost of the shingles. She and Revonda worked out the finances. Petes' Posse met to work on the Parsonage Guidelines and met with Pastor. Pastor will take care of everything at the parsonage and someone from the council will do an annual walkthrough in February each year. Heather Lynn has been working on a rebate program for buildings with shingles that asbestos so she too one of our old shingles, but they were fine. There is a county health department abatement program that involves sampling the soil. If there are hazardous chemicals in the soil the county would replace the soil, sod and redo the pipes for the sprinkling system. The soil will be tested.

Worship Minister: Chris sent her report. It is attached.

Outreach Minister: Dale reported that the quilters are organized and working from their homes. They have even been able to organize socially distanced picnics. Kim has organized the sack lunch program with the help of many volunteers. We will look at what can be done for God's Work Our Hands this fall. We will not be able to have a barbeque. We could still clean up the neighborhood. Pastor said he had just read that over 200,000 pounds of Lutheran World Relief health kits and school kits were destroyed in Beirut. We can possibly think of a way to make and assemble these kits as part of God's Work Our Hands.

New Business: Curt wants us to think "outside the box" and find ways that we can connect with our church families so we can make sure our families will want to reconnect with the church when we are able to have church again. We need to remember that the church is not just the building. It is the people and we need to stay connected. Curt asked Revonda to see if there were any community needs that we

could help with. We were asked to bring ideas and Curt wants to have a committee that would look at the ideas and decide if they could be done. Peggy passed out a Food Bank Challenge for putting change into a jar for different activities during September. Everyone liked the idea and asked her to get it to Mary and decide how it would be sent to all our church families. The money collected must come in the form of a check to the church with Food Bank Challenge written in the memo section of the check.

Julie, Lynn, and Dale said they would help Curt and serve on a group to brainstorm. Pastor said Nikki may be interested in helping.

Could we begin to get small groups together outside the church – a graceful dining group, a coffee group, a cocktail time. Pastor is thinking of having small group get together in his yard on Saturday evenings.

Old Business: The task force to look at the Constitution has been put on the back burner temporarily. Pastor will begin calling people and get the committee established.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Graving, Secretary