

Minutes of the Gold Hill Lutheran Church Council

Tuesday July 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by President Mike Lawson. Present were Mike Lawson, President; Curt Quist, Administrative Assistant; Revonda Stordahl, Treasurer; Peggy Graving, Secretary; Dale Schultz, Outreach Minister; Chris Ketchum, Worship Minister; Lynn Aniksdal, Leadership Minister; and Pastor Marlow Carrels. Excused was Julie Corbin, Education Minister.

Devotions were given by Pastor Carrels. Pastor Carrels was using poetry and the Bible in unison relating to the parable of the good seed. Who are the seeds? Who is the sower? However we interpret this parable or any of the other parables is individual, but however they are interpreted the message should have Christ at its center.

The **minutes** of the June 10th meeting were corrected to read that the bid for the repair of the roof was \$3200 not \$32000. The motion was made by Dale, seconded by Revonda to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion passed.

The **Treasurer's report** was provided by Revonda. In June we had a net loss of \$1329.63. We are under budget in both our income and our expenses leaving us with an overall surplus of approximately \$8,000. Peggy moved, Dale seconded, and it passed to accept the treasurer's report.

Pastor Marlow's report is attached. Additions to the report were that on Wednesday night a service will be conducted by Pastor Sarah from Gloria Dei and Pastor Marlow. On the 4th Wednesday of each month a mini marshmallow roast and gathering will be held with both Pastors and anyone who comes. The first will be held at Gold Hill on July 22nd at 6:00. Pastor has invited families in the neighborhood and will be putting out signs. If the church is permitted to open on the scheduled date of August 1st the family of Hazel Edwards would like to have a small service either the first or second weekend of August in the church. Council agreed that we would have the service and would be sure to follow guidelines in place by the county. Pastor ordered 1,000 communion cups (\$200) with the wafers for our services.

Reports of the Council Members:

Mike Lawson stated that the health department was meeting on Wednesday and we would see if there were any new requirements or changes for Silver Bow.

Curt Quist has passed the Parsonage Policy to Lynn. Her committee will be working with Pastor Marlow to finalize the policy and make a recommendation to the Council. Curt passed out the plan for opening that must be submitted to the City Health Department. After everyone had read the plan Curt moved, Dale seconded and everyone agreed that Curt should submit the plan to the County Health Department.

Lynn Aniksdal with the help of Alan, Curt, Mike and Pastor have been working on getting the bids for the new roof. Two bids have not been received yet. Brad Conway who had previously made a bid is no longer interested. He is booked until late next year. David Allen whose bid is \$35,065 is still interested in reroofing our building. Lynn moved that we complete the entire roof and find the financing to do the roof. She added we needed to accept a bid and move on it. Discussion was held. Pastor worries that the price could go up if there is any problem with the underlayment. Mike feels the underlayment is in good condition. Revonda shared the financial part of the roofing using a worksheet that Bruce Graving had sent to her and Lynn. There is \$35,000 dollars available if you use funds from the Trust (\$18,000), \$6,000

from the Thrivent Funds and \$11,00 (\$8,000 of which is from the insurance company) in the building fund. We decided we needed to rescind the motion that was made by Curt and seconded by Julie at the June meeting saying that we would patch the roof for \$3200. Lynn moved to rescind the June motion, Curt seconded, and it passed. Dale agreed with Pastor's concerns. The first phase would be the sanctuary, the second the education wing and the third the social hall. Dale amended Lynn's motion so it now reads: We will plan on roofing the entire church working with the contractor with the understanding that the sanctuary is to be done first, the education wing second and the social hall third. We will wait for the two contractors who have not sent in their bids to get their bids to Lynn. The budget for the project will not exceed \$35,065. Chris seconded the motion and the motion passed. Curt had opposed the motion and when asked stated that he is worried about putting the church in debt at this time and knows that we will be needing to hire a good janitor to help us through the opening of the church. Lynn was asked to wait for the other bids until Monday. The work cannot exceed the bid of \$35,065. We also agreed that a letter needed to go out to the Congregation regarding the decision to reroof the church. Dale volunteered to write the draft of the letter and asked for the Council's input. He also volunteered to chair a committee to raise the funds to pay back the trust committee. Lynn reported that she would report back to the Council on the Parsonage Policy at the next meeting.

Chris Ketchum reported that the new letters for the sign board have arrived. She has the ushers and lectors for the outside services. The committee has selected the hymns through September 30th. Dave has taken care of the renewal of the CCLI. The baby grand piano will be tuned this year. The committee is still working on getting volunteers to clean the church after the services once we begin indoor services. The quilters have agreed to make masks. Chris has been stocking up on supplies that will be needed for sanitation and cleaning.

Pastor reported for Julie Corbin that she, a member of Gloria Dei and hopefully Hope Lutheran will participate in a Logos Program training. The cost of the training is \$355 and would be split between the three churches. The money is in her budget and the Council encourages her to ahead and take the training.

Dale Schultz said he will find out the needs of the Food Bank. He would like to think 'outside the box' and figure out a way to get materials to people so they can be working in their homes for the quilting. It is a ministry of the church that is important to these ladies. The brown bag lunches have been done by Kim and Marshal the last two months. Lynn is doing it this month. We hope to figure out a way that the responsibility is not shouldered by one person each month.

New Business: A Constitutional Review Task Force will be appointed to review and align our Gold Hill Constitution with the Synod's Constitution. We need to set this up so that it becomes a regular committee that is voted by the congregation every three to five years. We are late in starting the process and will appoint the committee this year. Pastor took suggested names and will begin calling individuals. It will also be put in the email sent out weekly by Mary that if you are interested in serving on the committee to call the church. The committee will have five members.

Curt moved that the meeting adjourn. Lynn seconded the motion and it passed. We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Peggy Graving, Secretary