

Council Minutes for Gold Hill Lutheran Church
September 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Mike Lawson, President. The following answered roll call: Mike Lawson, President; Curt Quist, Administration Director; Revonda Stordahl, Treasurer; Peggy Graving, Secretary; Julie Corbin, Spiritual Growth Ministry; Jerry Aaker, Outreach Ministry; Chris Ketchum, Worship Ministry; and Lynn Aniksdal, Leadership Ministry.

Bob Brown attended the meeting and asked to be able to conduct a Fund Raiser for the Butte Rescue Mission to compliment the GWOH Sunday that we just had. He would like to raise funds up to \$250 and receive a matching grant from Thrivent Financial. The motion was made to permit Bob to do this by Peggy, seconded by Revonda and was passed.

Devotions were given by Mike from Psalm 101 from our daily devotions book.

Revonda moved and Curt seconded the minutes from the August council meeting be approved as emailed. The motion passed.

Revonda reported that our income is \$5,000 under the budget, and our expenses are \$12,000 under budget. Our net income from January to August is \$15, 328.97. Peggy moved and Curt seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted. The motion carried. Jerry mentioned that the budget process for next year should begin soon. Curt received the insurance check for the damage from water leaking into the downstairs classrooms. He will deposit it.

Reports of Committees:

Mike reported that the executive council members will interview a second possible interim candidate – Pastor Trina Johnsten. Mike passed out the MSP (Ministry Site Profile) that the Call Committee has prepared for the synod. Peggy moved, Curt seconded, and the council approved that the MSP should be sent into the synod.

Curt reported that Mary will be taking two days off (September 17-18). Lynn said she would go in and answer the phone both days.

Lynn reported that the Bentleys and Sheila will work out the best time for them to do the interior work in the classrooms. Pete's Posse will begin their work in the parsonage.

Chris highlighted her report. The piano tuning will be done this week. The cost is \$125 for each piano. Dorothy Schultz was in attendance and explained the need to extend the CCLI license that enables us to print words and music for the church with the addition of \$63 to be able to download and use many different songs for the choir and ensembles. The contract has been \$135 so it would now be \$198. If we do not add this extra amount to the license, we pay \$50 per song if the choir needs additional music. Curt moved to extend the CCLI with the extended premium. Julie seconded the motion and it passed. Chris was asked to be sure to include it in her budget request for next year. A special thanks was expressed to Chris and her committee for all the hard work they are doing securing Pastors and preparing the music for the services. Julie said she had nothing further to add to her written report. She was congratulated on her help with GWOH and her first Sunday school class.

Jerry reported that GWOH Sunday went well. A cookout was held. The goal of GWOH is to show hospitality to the neighborhood. We had 10-15 adults and several children from the neighborhood. Those on the council that were able to attend were pleased with the attendance.

Peggy reported that she has had no contact from Jackie, our YAGM student, but that the main ELCA office wrote and told her that Jackie is in Rwanda and will send a newsletter soon.

The Stephen Ministers were going to ask for permission to have a Harvest Auction, but have decided that they will not be holding one at this time.

Lynn reported on the time spent preparing the MSP at the Call Committee meetings and that it is ready to go out. Permission was given above under Mike's report.

Coming up: Pastor Laurie's installation as Bishop will be on Saturday, September 21st at 11:30 in Helena. Pastor Sarah, the new Pastor at Gloria Dei, will be installed at Gloria Dei at 3:00p.m. on Sunday, the 22nd.

Old Business:

Membership: Mike provided each member the constitution sections referring to the definitions of membership at Gold Hill and sample letters from other churches to members inquiring about their desire to

remain members. We are encouraged to purge our members every year and we have not done ours for more than ten years. Discussion was held on when we should send letters and the possible reaction by members. We decided to add a question to the interview for Pastor Trina to see if she would be willing to help us go through our membership list and update it. We will continue working on our lists to narrow the number who will receive the letter.

The meeting was closed by Mike.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Graving

Since the meeting two email votes have taken place.

After interviewing Pastor Trina Johnsten, Mike, Curt, and Revonda feel that she would be a good fit for us and would like to offer her the interim position for six months. The council was asked to vote to extend a contract to Pastor Johnsten. The vote passed.

Lynn and Mike, after reviewing minutes, realized we had not voted to replace the carpet in the parsonage, so a vote was asked to replace the carpet for \$3,000. The motion passed.