

Minutes of the Gold Hill Lutheran Church Council
Wednesday, June 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 by President Mike Lawson. Present were Mike Lawson, President; Curt Quist, Administration Director; Revonda Stordahl, Treasurer; Peggy Graving, Secretary; Julie Corbin, Spiritual Growth Ministry; Chris Ketchum, Worship Ministry; Lynn Aniksdal, Leadership Ministry; and Pastor Marlow Carrels. Excused was Dale Schultz; Outreach Ministry.

Devotions were given by Pastor Carrels. He shared from Ezekiel the 28th Chapter and from a book titled: Poems about Life and People by Rustad. The church building speaks and it matters to people. During these difficult times people want to get back together. They want to come to church and worship, though the worship may look different the family of the church are together.

The minutes of the May 12th Zoom Meeting of the Council were approved as emailed. The motion was made by Lynn Aniksdal and seconded by Julie Corbin.

Revonda presented the financials for May. The trend continues with the income being down from what was budgeted, but the expenses have been down also. We are \$17,000 under budget in expenses. We are in the black by \$8900. The report was moved to be accepted by Curt, seconded by Lynn and approved.

Pastor's Report (in the office) highlighted and discussed were the worship services online. It was decided that we would continue sending out the services online until we resume in the sanctuary and then we would discuss again. Pastor had four options for service at Gold Hill beginning on the 21st of June. The first was to purchase a FM transmitter for \$139.00 from Amazon. The service would be held in the parking lot and with the transmitter everyone could tune the service on their radios. Second, we could hold service on the lawn area inside the U-shape with guitar and piano. Third, we could begin having services in the sanctuary with services offered Saturday evening and Sunday morning. People would have to state their preferences and stick to that service. Curt had put a mock- up of the areas to be used in the sanctuary for us to look at after the meeting. Fourth, we could hold service in the fellowship hall and the sanctuary to lesson the time for cleaning between the service. Discussion of the different options were held. Revonda said there was money in the budget that could be used for the purchase of the transmitter. Julie moved, Chris seconded and the motion passed to hold our services through radio in our cars in the parking lot and that the transmitter be purchased from Amazon. Curt asked that when the letter went out to ask people to come to the parking lot via Placer Street. Ushers would be at the Placer St location to pass out the bulletin, the communion cups (which we graciously donated anonymously) and wafers. Pastor will write a letter to inform everyone of our decision to have our "drive-in" church services. Men's Bible Study would begin on Thursday morning and hopefully they would connect with Gloria Dei's Men's Bible Study when they resume.

President's Report: Mike filled us in on his medical issues and is hoping to have his neck fusion procedure soon. He along with several other Lutheran Veterans are working on a new program in Butte to mentor Veterans in lieu of them going to jail for minor crimes. The program has proven to be 70% effective across the United States. He mentioned that perhaps some of these Veterans may attend church.

Administration Director's Report: Curt had sent everyone a Parsonage Policy from the Synod. Pastor Carrels had also sent us one that he had written. Lynn was asked to review the policies with her committee – aka Petes' Posse – and write a proposal for the policy to be used at Gold Hill. Curt discussed the need for a janitor. He will get with Revonda regarding the amount of money we would have for this and the hours they would propose for him/her to work. The application for the PPP has been dropped. Curt asked Chris to find a Pastor to fill in for Pastor Carrels on July 19th. Mike offered his services if she wanted him (if he wasn't having his surgery).

Leadership Committee: Lynn and Curt reported that the insurance money we received was to patch the roof only – not toward the replacement of the entire roof. Lynn had received two bids. Curt moved we would have the roof patched by Brad Conway for the estimated \$32000. Julie seconded and the motion passed. We know this should give us three to five years and in that time we can raise the money for a complete roof replacement. All things on Pastor Trina’s list were completed before Pastor Carrels arrived. The sprinklers have been turned on and all plantings have been done thanks to the Leaches, Shelly Anderson, Carol Morrison and Linda Moore. The Aniksdals and the Leaches are taking turns mowing the lawn. Lynn recommended removing the dumpsters and for \$26.00 per month having two of the large garbage cans. They will need to be put out on the curb once a week for pick up. Everyone agreed to the suggestion and Lynn will take care of all the arrangements. We discussed the empty lot. Mike would like to put up a fence along the lot. Curt said he would like to sell the lot. Julie asked about Dale’s idea regarding the Furniture Bank Warehouse. Curt said Dale has gotten some negative feed back regarding the idea, but that we do need to finish the discussion. Pastor brought up the fact that when we look at all of these things we need to decide what is the church’s mission. Discussion will continue at a further meeting. Curt would like us to hold discussions on “Where do we want to be in five years, in ten years...?” The problem of abandoned cars and the trailer parked permanently are being addressed. Ed Randall, the Community Enrichment Officer, is the person we need to contact. Lynn has called and Mike said he will go to Ed’s office and visit with him.

Worship Ministry: Chris reported that she would like to have a meeting of her committee. They will select a place to hold the meeting. She asked if new metal letters could be purchased for the sign board in front of the church. The cost is \$109.98. Julie moved, Lynn seconded and the motion carried to let the worship committee purchase the letters. Chris was asked to get ahold of the ushers for the first service on the 21st of June. She should also visit with Dave Coleman regarding the playing of music.

Spiritual Growth Ministry: Julie reported that all the FLBC day camps have been canceled. Pastor added that the camp is opening with reduced number of campers.

New Business: Gloria Dei and Gold Hill are working on ways to communicate events at both places so members could participate at either church’s activities. Curt suggested that the calendars be sent to each church and printed in their newsletters. Julie added that an explanation of why the calendar from the Gloria Dei is in our Nugget issue would be helpful.

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Following the meeting Chris emailed and asked to be permitted to by plastic letters for the sign board because the metal ones would not fit. The council members agreed via email.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Graving, Secretary