

Minutes of the Council of Gold Hill Lutheran Church

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of Gold Hill Lutheran Church Council was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Mike Lawson. The following members answered roll call: Mike Lawson, President; Curt Quist, Administrative Director; Revonda Stordahl, Treasurer; Peggy Graving, Secretary; Lynn Aniksdal, Leadership Ministry; Chris Ketchum, Worship Ministry; and Pastor Laurie Jungling. Jerry Aacker, Outreach Ministry, and Julie Corbin, Spiritual Ministry, were excused.

Devotions: Colossians 1: 15-18. This passage relates to our first part of our Guiding Principles. Are we ready to step up and think about how we might need to change to help the vitality of our congregation?

The council voted, after Curt Quist moved and Lynn Aniksdal seconded, to approve the **minutes** as emailed.

The **Financial Report** (attached) was emailed to each member by Revonda. She highlighted the report in the following ways: Our income is less than our budget, but it is higher than it was last year. She feels that the weather the past three Sundays may have influenced the attendance and therefore the offering. Other income included a donation to the We Deliver Lunch Ministry. Expenses that we may note include a credit under Pastor's Health Insurance. The reason is unknown to Revonda. Next month the payment looks normal. A smaller quantity of offering envelopes for 2020 has already been ordered. The parsonage needed a pressure valve replaced and the cost of this repair was \$288. At the end of February, we are \$805.65 in the green. Curt moved and Peggy seconded that we accept this report. The vote of the council was in favor of accepting the financial report.

Revonda reported that the necessary signatures for the bank accounts have been changed. Pastor Laurie and Revonda need to change the signature on the Samaritan Fund Account. Revonda will contact the members of the audit committee to have them audit the 2018 financial records. Pastor will contact Ron Gruss to have the Trust committee audit their records for 2018.

Pastor's Report (attached) Pastor has asked Curt Quist to write a longer article for the April Nugget and for him to give a Temple Talk one Sunday during April. He chose the Furniture Bank as his topic.

Each time there is a special offering the amount received for the offering will be printed in the next week's bulletin. After discussion regarding the Lenten Offering being designated for a special fund Curt moved, Peggy seconded and the council voted to have the offering go to the Samaritan Fund. If the Easter Brunch is held Revonda moved, Curt seconded and the council

voted in favor of the free will offering to go to the building fund to either rehab or purchase a new oven. Last weeks second offering for those in need of shelter during the winter was \$361.21. More than enough was raised by the Butte Churches to have a \$1000 match from the Butte Ministerial.

Stewardship ideas will be included in Faith Formation classes the last two Sundays in March. We are invited to attend. The Montana Synod sent a thank you note for the extra gift Gold Hill sent at the end of the year. The Butte Rescue Mission sent a request for Gold Hill to purchase a table for their upcoming fundraiser. Individuals may want to do this but the council is not purchasing a table.

President's Report – Mike contacted Ross Whelchel at Gloria Dei and gave him the name of the council president for Hope Lutheran in Anaconda – Mike Hewitt.

Administrative Director's Report- Curt brought the legal checklist that was provided by the ELCA. Curt, Mike, Pastor and Bob Brown recently viewed a webinar for the purpose of getting Gold Hill up to date on the legal paperwork we should have. Curt will begin writing policies that we need to have in place.

Outreach Ministry Report – Jerry's report is attached. Pastor added that the trust approved the \$500 request for YAGM.

Spiritual Ministry Report – Julie's report is attached.

Worship and Ministry – Chris's report is attached. Discussion was held regarding having one or two services on Easter Sunday. Pastor will check the attendance from last year. The council left the decision up to her. Mike Lawson will contact Mike and Maria Biastoch to see if they want to chair the Easter Breakfast this year.

Leadership Ministry – Lynn has prepared a checklist of things that need to be addressed in the church and the parsonage. The lighting will be changed to LED. The cost savings will be substantial. Fixtures will not be replaced but will be altered to accept the LED bulbs. She reported that Bruce Graving is looking into devises that can be purchased to allow the secretary's office and the pastor's office see who is coming in through the fellowship door. Lynn would like to have a checklist created for locations and directions for shutting off the water and the electricity in the church in case of emergencies. The parsonage needs new carpeting, but that will wait until later. The floor in the fellowship hall needs stripping and waxing. It has not been done since 2012.

New Business:

- a. Camperships – Pastor Laurie raised a concern about the number of people who might request regular and full-ride camperships to FLBC this year as well as the amount of funds that we have available. We have located two different campership policies that are very similar. They state that \$150 is given from Gold Hill to all our campers. If there

is a request for more than the \$150 a written request needs to be given to Pastor and she can make the decision. It states that the camper needs to participate in fundraising for part of the campership fee to be eligible for any scholarship provided above the \$150. After much discussion the council decided, based on the funds available, the late (May 1) deadline for application, and the possibility of multiple requests, we will probably not be able to grant full-ride scholarships this year. We left the decision of the amount of the scholarship to Pastor Laurie. The council and the pastor suggest campers request assistance from the camp for the amount beyond which the congregation will agree to provide. The information is in the camp registration flyer. A new policy for applying for campership and scholarships is being explored for next year.

Because neither of the campership policies had a date on them the council made the decision that from now on all documents would have a date on them. If they are voted on by the council the person who moved and seconded the motion will also be noted.

- b. Gloria Dei would like to get the three churches – Gloria Dei, Gold Hill and Hope Lutheran – together to have a discussion on the needs of the churches as the three churches look for new Pastors. It is up to Ross Whelchel, President of Gloria Dei’s Council, to contact us. If we are asked to participate in the conversations with the other churches Mike Lawson, Peggy Graving and Pastor Laurie Jungling will represent Gold Hill. The council, unanimously, agreed that Gold Hill Lutheran does not want to share a Pastor but is open to discussion on how we can share ministries.
- c. Curt discussed the need of one of our members to have plumbing work done. He is without running water. The council agreed to have Curt ask the member to contact a contractor and receive an estimate for the repairs. Curt will come back to us with the estimate and we will see if we can possibly help with a fund raiser.

Unfinished Business - Peggy asked for clarification on when the council would like a directory completed. Josie, the photographer, would like to take the pictures outside and would like to do it after two Sunday church services. The council would like to see us create the new pictorial directory this spring.

The Fund -Raising Policy Draft that last year’s council requested to be completed by Bruce Graving was passed out for review at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.