

**Gold Hill Lutheran Church Council  
Minutes – December 10, 2019**

**The meeting was called to order by Curt Quist, Administration Director.**

**The following were present:** Curt Quist, Administration Director; Revonda Stordahl, Treasurer; Peggy Graving, Secretary; Jerry Aaker, Outreach Ministry; Chris Ketchum, Worship Ministry; Lynn Aniksdal, Leadership Ministry; Julie Corbin, Spiritual Ministry; and Pastor Trina Johnsten.

**Mike Lawson, President, was excused.**

**Pastor Trina led devotions** from a 2007 Council Devotions titled Living In God's Amazing Grace (published by the New England ELCA Church's Bishop). The passage read was Luke 2:16-19. We discussed "pondering" and what it means for us at Gold Hill. What dilemma in our congregation can benefit from our pondering?

A motion made by Revonda, seconded by Chris and passed by the council approved the November minutes as written.

The treasurer's report showed that from January to November we are ahead by \$19,000. The receipts have been down, but because the expenses have been down we are still ahead year to date. She provided the budget verses actual from January through November. Julie move, Peggy seconded and the motion passed to accept the report of the treasurer.

**Pastor Trina's Report:** Pastor highlighted the following from her report: The nominating Committee will meet on December 19<sup>th</sup>. We went over all positions that needed to be filled and Peggy will send a copy of these to Pastor Trina. One hundred thirty-two letters were sent to members who have not been attending regarding their membership. Eleven members have asked to be removed. Seventeen asked to remain on our rolls and will be kept as Associate Members. Three members requested transfers. On December 20<sup>th</sup> anyone who has not returned a letter will be removed from our membership rolls.

In order to permit Reverend Trina Johnsten to benefit from the provisions of Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code, the Council needs to specify that the total compensation paid to her during the fiscal year 2020 includes a housing allowance. Rev. Trina Johnsten estimates that she will spend \$700 a month for housing expenses. Since such approval by the council would permit her to deduct that amount from her taxable income and has no further effect upon our congregation or budget, it was:

RESOLVED:

That the total compensation of \$7899.25 paid to Rev. Trina Johnsten for January – March 2020 includes a housing allowance of \$2100, and should her contract be extended past March 31, 2020, this would be increased by the amount of \$700 a month through the duration of her employment with Gold Hill Lutheran.

**Reports of Council Members:**

Mike Lawson, President, email attached.

Curt Quist, Administration Director. Curt has not talked with Dave yet regarding his contract. An email request for Winter Solstice Concert on December 19<sup>th</sup> passed with the charge of \$150 for use of the church and \$75 to Tony for janitorial fee. Curt had a contract for the janitorial fee and will prepare a contract for the concert. He gave this to Julie.

Lynn – report attached. She added that she and Alan added light behind the cross in the sanctuary over the front door but when it is on the first two sanctuary lights must be illuminated also.

Chris – report attached. Thanks were given to her and her committee for their outstanding work this fall.

Julie asked for the \$250 deposit for FLBC for vacation bible school. The total that Gold Hill will pay this year is \$1200. Gloria Dei will be splitting the cost with us and will be holding VBS there. VBS will be the week of June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Jerry – No report. Pastor Patty Callaghan is heading up the food drive through Advent for the Food Bank.

New Business: Pastor was asked to leave the room as we discussed bonuses for her, Mary, and Tony. Revonda moved, Julie seconded and the motion passed to give bonuses this year.

Old Business:

Revonda went through the budget that she, Curt and Bruce Graving have been working on. Revonda thanked everyone for their input and we walked through the budget. The budget shows a deficit, but Revonda feels that we will not have any problem in 2020. Julie's – Spiritual Growth – category will need tweaking to cover the cost of VBS. We are to look over the budget and will vote on it at the next meeting.

Lynn reported that the Call Committee will be meeting with Jason at 2:00 on January 14<sup>th</sup>. He has information on a candidate that he would like to present to the committee.

Lynn encourages to contact people who we have not seen at church lately and find out if there is a reason they aren't coming and ask them if they would come back. Let them know they are missed and let them know what is going on at Gold Hill.

The annual meeting was set for January 26, 2020 with a potluck after church.

It is annual report time. It is so very helpful to Mary to complete your report and get it to her.

Julie moved, Chris seconded and the motion carried to adjourn. We adjourned after saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peggy Graving, Secretary