

Council Minutes for Gold Hill Lutheran Church
January 8, 2019 Social Hall at Church

Prior to the beginning of the council meeting goodies were shared by different members of the council and Peggy P. thanked everyone for their hard work and stated that she enjoyed working with all of us.

This is the last meeting for council members Peggy P., Bob, Cheryl and Deb.

The council meeting was called to order by Peggy P., President. All members of the council were present – Peggy P., President; Bob Brown, Administration Director; Revonda Stordahl, Treasurer; Peggy Graving, Secretary; Jerry Aaker; Outreach Ministry; Deb Pascua, Spiritual Growth Ministry; Cheryl Neuhart, Worship Ministry; Julie Corbin, Leadership Ministry. Pastor Laurie Jungling and Chris Ketchum were also present. Bruce Graving attended for the budget section of the meeting.

No additional items were added to the agenda.

Pastor Laurie led devotions on Ephesians 1:20-23. The emphasis of this study was on the hierarchy of the church with Christ as the Head of the Church and that the Pastor and the council serve at the direction of the congregation in the Lutheran Church.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as emailed.

Revonda reported that the month of December was a very good month financially. We ended the year \$6,215.68 above the amended budget. The financial report was approved as presented. Jerry moved and Deb seconded that with the surplus we send \$2000 to the synod. Discussion was held. There was discussion on the amount we send and whether we should keep the money in case of a shortfall in the first quarter financially. The vote was called and the motion passed with one dissenting vote. Discussion was then held on which account the money should come from. Bob moved and Julie seconded that the \$2000 should come from the Thrivent Fund. The motion passed with one abstention.

The Pastor's report is attached. We, as a council answered questions related to the mission and health of the congregation. This will be part of a survey used by the transition team. The transition team is in place and will begin meeting as soon as Pastor can find a time when all members can attend. The Nominating Report was given to the council and is attached. Discussion was held regarding funerals and it was decided that a written policy needs to be in place regarding the service expectations for Gold Hill. The remainder of Pastor's report is self-explanatory.

Revonda presented the budget and went through each category going over the changes that had been suggested previously. It was moved, seconded and after discussion was passed to move the \$736.64 remaining in the Sabbatical Fund to the Pastor Call Expense (599-1). It was moved, seconded and passed that we would add the cost of advertising in special editions of the Montana Standard to the Advertising Line Item (530-8). It was moved, seconded, and passed that we move \$600 into a Samaritan line item. It was moved and seconded that we accept the proposed budget with the above changes. It passed with one abstention. The budget has a surplus that we agreed would serve the "unknowns" in the mission of the church that cannot be predicted at this time. This could include expenses that we could occur with the call of a new Pastor, giving more to the synod, etc.

Cheryl sent a written report (attached). The list of people who will be visited should read "homebound". They have not started visits yet, but they are organizing at this time.

Deb's report is attached.

Peggy P. is putting a list of items that we would like to pass along to the new council – suggestions to help them as they prepare to work in their different areas on the council.

Bob reported that Pastor found fourteen documents that date back to the 1920s. He is willing to photo copy and catalog these documents and place them in a file in Mary's office. The originals will be placed in secure place. It was mentioned that we should take them to the archives.

The meeting was adjourned, and the Lord's Prayer was said.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Graving, Secretary