

**The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Council Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: December 17, 2019

Meeting Location: Room 206

In Attendance: Pastor Teal Anderson, Deb Anthony, Connie Charitonuk, Lindsay Guckert, Pastor Greg Fetzer, Sharlene Krause, Missy Leppo, Ken Lorentzen, Gina Miller, Laura Runyeon, Paul Smeton, Dave Stark, Lisa Steel, Ruthann Sutherland, John Verbillis, Dan Williams, Owen Ashbrook, and Maureen Stark

Excused: Glenn Garbinski, Lauren Rein

Topic	Details	Action/Follow-up
Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Ken Lorentzen.	
Prayer	Pastor Greg Fetzer led the Council in prayer.	
Minutes	Dave Stark moved to approve the November Council meeting minutes. Connie Charitonuk seconded the motion and the motion passed.	Motion approved
Congregational Meeting Outcome	Ken reviewed with Council that we have a commitment to put the vote back to the Congregation in March whether the to go forward with Budget A or Budget B. Lindsay Guckert noted that Rocky Barrow is working to provide updates on giving over the coming months. Ken will give the congregation updates at temple talks at both services on January 5 th , January 19 th , February 9 th , and February 23 rd . Council is planning to hold the March Congregational meeting on March 22 nd at 9:30am with a likely alternate activity for Sunday School.	Ken will provide giving and other updates to the Congregation on several Sundays in January and February. The next Congregational Meeting will be held March 22 nd at 9:30am.
Mailbox	Ken reported that checks have been stolen out of the mailbox. Facilities is considering installing a locking mailbox.	Informational.
NCCS Security Deposit	Lindsay asked if there was a decision regarding how to handle the security deposit from NCCS. Ken will determine from Facilities how much LCGS had to spend to get the area repaired and cleaned after NCCS left, such as cleaning the carpets, damage to the stairs, and damage from the lockers. Ken will then determine if any funds are left to return and prepare a letter to NCCS.	Ken will communicate with Facilities and NCCS regarding the return of the security deposit.
Rental Opportunity	Gina Miller reported that the ARC came to look at the Parsonage and Education wing for a potential rental. The Parsonage will not work for their needs, but they are considering the Education wing. They would like to rent 4 classrooms and the	Informational.

	gym for their summer camp in August. No one had any conflict with the ARC use of the property or the proposed dates.	
Mold Update	Ken reported that a company came and tested for mold and concluded that there is no evidence of mold growth in the sanctuary.	Informational.
Youth Council Member	Connie informed Council that two high school students have asked about youth representation on Council. Ken requested that those interested make a proposal to Council.	Connie will ask the interested youth to make a proposal to Council.
Outreach Local Assistance Offering	John Verbillis informed Council that the Servanthood Committee has some money for local assistance left in their 2019 budget that they can decide to not spend given the current LCGS budget situation. John added that local assistance is included in the 2020 budget and the Committee requests that it be continued in future budgets.	Informational.
Election of Council President and Vice President	The 2020 Council members elected a President and Vice President by Ecclesiastical Ballot. The Council elected Ken Lorentzen as Council President and Laura Runyeon as Council Vice President.	The Council elected Ken Lorentzen as President and Laura Runyeon as Vice President.
Annual Reports	Gina Miller reminded Council that the annual reports are due by December 31 st .	Council members will provide an Annual Report for their Ministry Team by December 31 st .
New Members	Pastor Greg moved to accept the following people into membership at LCGS on January 5, 2020: Arthur & Helga Walz, Linda Watts, Karen Watts, Lind & Donna Hostetler & Charles Walsek. Dave Stark seconded the motion and the motion passed.	Motion passed.
Adjustment to Pastor Greg's Schedule	Maureen Stark is the Chair of Pastor Greg's Mutual Ministry Committee and reported that the Committee approved Pastor Greg working from home on Mondays. Maureen then moved to increase Pastor Greg's vacation from four weeks to five weeks per year including a 5 th Sunday. John Verbillis seconded the motion and the motion passed.	Motion passed.
Church Structure	Ken Lorentzen had Council complete a questionnaire from <i>Simple Church</i> . The authors propose a way of simplifying the goals of the church as providing worship, making disciples, and serving the community. Pastor Greg noted that that mirrors the LCGS vision statement of gifted with faith, growing as disciples, and grounded in community. Ken added that the idea is to move people intentionally from worship, to disciple building, and then out into the community where they can attract new people into worship. Also the church should move people intentionally from being participants to leaders in each area. Deb Anthony added that for the model to work each area has to be good quality and engaging. Laura	Informational.

	recommended that everyone read the book and that a time be set up to discuss it and how the congregation should move forward. Ken then suggested putting the Council positions in the three areas of Outreach, Discipleship, and Worship. Pastor Greg said that the structure could also be based on the seven faith practices.	
Leadership Opportunity	Owen Ashbrook will provide dates to hold the Peacemaker Leadership Opportunity program in February or March.	Owen Ashbrook will provide potential dates for the Leadership Opportunity program.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 9:11pm.	Meeting adjourned
Next Meeting	Tuesday, January 21, 7 pm in Room 206	