

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

Meeting Date: January 21, 2020

Meeting Location: Room 206

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

Excused: Glenn Garbinski

Topic	Details	Action/Follow-up
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:09pm by Ken Lorentzen.	
Prayer	Pastor Greg Fetzer led the Council in prayer.	
Minutes	Connie Charitonuk moved to approve the December Council meeting minutes. Deb Anthony seconded the motion and the motion passed.	Motion approved
Treasurers Report	Lindsay Guckert informed Council that LCGS ended 2019 with income slightly over expenses and that giving was trending up. She added that the Ministry Teams did a good job of reducing expenses when they could. Connie moved to approve the December Financial Reports. Pastor Teal Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed.	Motion approved
Signing Authority	Pastor Greg Fetzer moved that signing authority on the bank account for the congregation be approved for the Council President, Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and the Office Manager who currently are Ken Lorentzen, Laura Runyeon, Lindsay Guckert, Mark Leppo, and Gina Miller. Deb Anthony seconded the motion and the motion passed.	Motion approved
Finance and Budget Training	Lindsay offered to send each new Council member the procedures for managing their budgets and approving expenses. She will then meet with Council members who have questions.	Lindsay will review financial procedures with the new Council members.
Pastor Teal Anderson's Report	Pastor Teal informed Council that Vacation Bible School will be held June 29 to July 3, 2020 due to the school calendar and availability of leaders and teachers. They are deciding whether to move the traditional Friday closing celebration because of the holiday. VBS registration will open in April.	Informational

Pastor Greg Fetzer's Report	Pastor Greg told Council that the Prayer discussion group on Sunday afternoons had been well attended and had great discussions. He reported that Faith Groups will be starting the first week in February including another Baptism group in which prospective members as well as all who are interested are invited. He also noted that he is planning the Lenten services and deciding on a theme.	Informational
Outreach	John Verbillis reported that the Christmas Basket project was a success adding that we helped 26 families with a total of 85 people. John also told Council that around 12 people attended the Social Justice showing of <i>Zootopia</i> and that there was a good discussion following the movie.	Informational
Youth	Connie informed Council that the Youth would have the annual Souper Bowl to collect canned goods for the Sharing Table. She reported that 6 members would be attending the Road Trip High School retreat. She also noted that Youth Sunday planning will be starting soon.	Informational
Council Structure	<p>Laura Runyeon reported that leadership team has spoken to all Council members and decided on the following Ministry Team responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship and Music – Missy Leppo Stewardship – Dan Williams Outreach – John Verbillis Finance, Legal and Operations – Paul Smeton Facilities – Glenn Garbinski Christian Education – Ruthann Sutherland Youth – Connie Charitonuk Congregation Life and Service – Deb Anthony <p>Ken thanked everyone for serving the congregation in these capacities and added that each position leaves room for assessing and changing ministries as things evolve. He also asked Council members to consider how to incorporate the faith practices into each of their ministries.</p>	Informational
Cycle of Discipleship and Council Retreat	Ken reported that at the Executive Committee meeting they determined that hospitality, Catechumenate, powerful worship, and outreach were the main things to focus on this year. Laura added that the Executive Committee is looking at resources that can help everyone work on these things with their Ministry Teams. She informed Council that they are planning for the Council members to read the book <i>Power Surge</i> by Michael Foss and then come together at a day long retreat in February or March to discuss how to best implement the concepts in our congregation.	The Executive Committee is planning a day long retreat for the Council members in February or March.

Change in Pastoral Duties	Pastor Teal informed Council that she and Pastor Greg will be shifting some duties between them. Pastor Teal will now have primary responsibility and oversight of pastoral care and Pastor Greg will have primary responsibility and oversight of youth groups. Pastor Teal will continue to have oversight of VBS, Confirmation and Sunday School.	Informational
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.	Meeting adjourned
Next Meeting	Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7 pm in Room 206	