

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2020

Meeting Attendees:

Dave Webb, Chair
Deb Kohen, Vice Chair
Elizabeth Kohen, Treasurer
Maria Miller, Secretary
Kristen Goligowski
Chriss Latterell
Lynn Mears
Lynette Palmgren
Pastor Renee Patterson

Guests:

Pastor Brice Bloxham
Sister Tashina Good

Absent:

Gratitude Parade: The GB started the meeting with a surprise Gratitude Parade to the SOTH staff as they were at the front entrance handing out Communion Kits. It was fun to decorate our cars and drive through the lot honking and waving to let our staff know how much we appreciate all of them during this difficult time.

Mini Devotional & Check in: Matthew 10:24-39. A brief discussion about conflict and if we ever see good coming out of it. We all shared our ups and downs in our challenges during this time of both Covid-19 social distancing and in the unrest of our community stemming from the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

Opening Prayer (Pastor Renee)

Recognition emails

Approval of May Meeting Minutes (Maria Miller)

The minutes from the May meeting were approved without revisions.
Moved by Elizabeth Kohen, seconded by Chriss Latterell.

Financial Report (Elizabeth Kohen)

- **Summary**
 - We ended May with a deficit of \$5,857 while we budgeted for a deficit of \$13,343.
- **Balance Sheet**
 - We have \$18,594 in our Endowment.
 - The amount owed on the mortgage is \$2,656,142.
- **Statement of Activities Budget Performance**
 - Total expenses were \$26,123 less than budget.
 - Expenses are \$60,715 less than budget YTD.
 - Giving income was \$3,989 less than the anticipated budget in April.
 - Contributions are \$49,847 behind budget YTD.

- **Approval of May Financial Report:** The May financial report was reviewed and approved. Moved by Lynette Palmgren, seconded by Lynn Mears.
- **Other Financial Report Discussions:**
 - Some discussion on preschool projections...how the budget numbers will be realigned with guidelines of ten people per classroom max.
 - Looking forward, if any more shutdowns for the preschool happen in the future, we will be asking families to continue to pay full price so that we don't lose any teachers.

Other Discussion & Highlights from Staff reports:

- **Book club** using the book, *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown, to continue our community's hard conversations on racism. These discussions will be starting on July 1st and 2nd, meeting every other week on Wednesdays at 2:30 pm OR Thursdays at 6:30 pm on Zoom with the potential of meeting in person in the future. Our high school youth will also be participating in their own book club on Monday afternoons using the same book. The GB is encouraged to participate.
- Island Lake Park **Bible Study** to start in first week of July.
- **Prayer of the Day** has been a big hit. Michelle will be taking this over from Sister Tashina to continue via email and Facebook.
- Our **insurance** is requiring the other churches using our space to prove certificate of liability insurance.
- Miranda is looking for ways to sanitize the sanctuary between the services. Chriss and Miranda will talk about the possibility of an **ionic cleaner**.
- **Survey results:** Pastor Renee was pleased with the number of responses. The majority of our survey responses felt uncomfortable with in-person worship in our sanctuary, but the majority felt comfortable with outdoor worship.
- Thus, **parking lot worship** will be our model. Re-survey our members at the end of July.
 - Parking lot worship service begins Sunday, June 21st at 9:00 am. Cars will park in North parking lot, service will be on the north lawn on a trailer.
 - Live stream will be of parking lot service.
 - Decision to do a pre-recorded service in lieu of outdoor worship would be made by 5:30am and announced via social media and auto call and text messages to members.
- **Communication** – The GB was asked if we prefer one longer email on Tuesdays as it has been happening or several emails a week. There is some concern over missed items when in the longer e-news format. Some highlighted items will get their own email. There were mixed reviews from the GB. Overall, we agree that the communication has been phenomenal and should continue as is.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Renee

Next meeting: July 21, 6:30pm

Submitted by: Maria Miller