

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2020 (via online Zoom Meeting)

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:

1. Check in with everyone/ Mini Devotional: John 17:1-10 /Opening prayer (Pastor Renee)
2. Recognition emails
3. Approval of Minutes (Maria Miller)
The minutes from the April meeting were approved without revisions.
Moved by Deb Kohen, seconded by Dave Webb.
4. Financial Report (Elizabeth Kohen)

Summary

We ended April with a deficit of \$5,151 while we budgeted for a surplus of \$22,097 for an unfavorable variance of \$27,248.

Balance Sheet

- At the end of April, we had \$306,104 in cash. This is up \$16,960 from the end of March, which was 289,144. We also have \$18,594 in our Endowment.
- The amount owed on the mortgage is \$2,663,148.

Statement of Activities Budget Performance

- Total expenses were \$25,051 less than budget in April and \$34,591 less than budget YTD.
- Giving income was \$35,760 less than budget in April and is \$45,858 short of budget YTD.

Additional Finance Notes:

- Paycheck Protection Program: We received \$130,300 to help cover expenses.
- Letter will be sent to congregation on financial status from the Finance Committee. The letter is being reviewed and edited and will be sent out soon.
- The April financial reports were reviewed and approved.
Moved by Chriss Latterell, seconded by Maria Miller.

5. Other discussion:

- Pastoral Care – Pastor Brice touched on his pastoral care experiences during this time of not in-person contact. LYN ministry has been calling all members. Reaching out to people via phone conversations has been both trying and wonderful. Sister Tashina mentioned that her pastoral care is with the youth is typically via text message. Many of the youth are struggling with the isolation and disruption of their routines. She is blessed with a team of adults who care for the kids and their families who are very committed.
- Brice will be celebrating Koreann and Josh’s wedding in June in Shepherd’s backyard.
- WORSHIP discussion:
 - Park worship model hopefully to start mid-July. Details in process to find a park that can accommodate our needs. Deb suggested looking into Kohler Park in Vadnais Heights.
 - Parking lot model is a possibility.
 - Online recorded worship will continue into the future with these models.
- Starting Tuesdays in June, 10-11am & 5:30-6:30pm, Pastoral staff will be available outside of the church for in-person, curbside Pastoral service to pick up communion supplies, pray, and offer blessings in a drive-through style.
- Tashina – working on ways to restart some of the ministries in new ways to start up in June.
- BASIC model: House-church is being re-imagined to be small group discussion meetings at the church or “watch parties” or doing a service project together as small group.
- Preschool summer school program will start on June 8th.

6. Closing Prayer (Pastor Brice)

Next meeting: June 16, 6:30pm

Submitted by: Maria Miller