

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2021 @ 6:30pm - online (Zoom)

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BOARD MEMBERS:	TERM DATES	ATTENDANCE	GUESTS:
Dave Webb, Chair	2018/19; 2020/21	X	- Pastor Brice Bloxham
Deb Kohen, Vice Chair	2015/16; 2017/18; 2019/20;2021/22	X	-Sister Tashina Good
Elizabeth Kohen, Treasurer	2018/19; 2020/21	X	
Maria Miller, Secretary	2020/21	X	
Kristen Goligowski, At- Large	2020/21	A	
Chriss Latterell, At-Large	2016/17; 2018/19; 2020/21	X	
Lynn Mears, At-Large	2017/18; 2019/20; 2021/22	X	
Sally Peters, At-Large	2021/22	X	
Pastor Renee Patterson		X	

Opening Prayer & Mini Devotional (Pastor Renee)

Recognition emails

Approval of Meeting Minutes (Maria Miller)

- Motion to approve February minutes by Deb Kohen, seconded by Chriss Latterell, Board approved.

Financial Report (Elizabeth Kohen)

- The February financial report was reviewed and approved.
 Motion to accept February financial report by Lynn Mears, seconded by Sally Peters, Board approved.

- Discussion:

- We are behind \$18,119 YTD in giving (about a 13% deficit).
- Total February income was \$12,082 less than budget, including contribution income, which was \$9,706 behind budget.
- Mortgage: Miranda discussed potentially refinancing. Our current rate is 3.5% compared to a new mortgage with a 20-year term (roughly what we have left) in the mid-4% range. The underwriters do not recommend refinancing.
- GB discussed posting the Bulletin financial blurb on our website since we are not currently posting this on our weekly bulletin. Discussed the importance to share with the congregation of the deficit in

contributions and how this affects our year-end budget. We will share with the congregation that in February, we were down 13% on member giving. If we remain at a 13% reduction in member giving, we will end the year with \$808,500 in giving, \$120,810 behind our annual budgeted giving (\$929,310).

Stimulus matching funds idea (Pastor Brice)

With another round of stimulus checks being distributed, we are looking at beginning a matching fund campaign. Pastor Brice will be looking for several contributors who are willing to use their stimulus funds to help us reach our goal of matching funds of \$10,000. Once they are lined up, we would then put it to the congregation. Of the funds raised 50% of that would go to Shepherd of the Hills general fund to and the other half would go to Holy Hammers.

Staff Reports

- Governing Board discussed the lack of people participating in in-person worship services. We are excited to plan on parking lot service after Easter through May. Knowing that things will be fluid and changing as we see how the vaccine roll-out moves forward and if that impacts the numbers of people attending in-person.
- The Praise Band is back!
- Bringing Donuts back along with our parking lot services starting April 11th.

(re)Connecting events/initiatives:

- Easter worship
- Coffee & Donuts (with real donuts) outside
- Book study speaker

Closing Prayer (Pastor Tashina)

Next meeting: April 20 @ 6:30pm on Zoom

Submitted by: Maria Miller