

**Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church**  
**Governing Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 18, 2022 @ 6:30pm via Zoom**

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<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	<b>TERM DATES</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>GUESTS:</b>
Dave Webb, Chair	2018; 2019; 2020; 2021	X	- Pastor Brice Bloxham
Deb Kohen, Vice Chair	2015; 2016; 2017; 2018; 2019; 2020; 2021	X	- Sister Tashina
Elizabeth Kohen, Treasurer	2018; 2019; 2020; 2021	X	- Joshua Koeppe
Gayle Nelson, Interim Secretary	2021	X	
Kristen Goligowski, At- Large	2020; 2021	X	
Chriss Latterell, At-Large	2016; 2017; 2018; 2019; 2020; 2021	X	
Lynn Mears, At-Large	2017; 2018; 2019; 2020; 2021	X	
Sally Peters, At-Large	2021	X	
Pastor Renee Patterson		X	

**Opening Prayer & Mini Devotional Luke 4:14-21** led by Pastor Renee.

**Personal check-in**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes (Gayle Nelson)**

No further discussion or questions.

- Motion to approve December minutes; Deb moved, Lynn seconded; Board approved.

**Financial Report (Elizabeth Kohen)**

- Motion to approve December financials; Chriss moved, Sally seconded.

**Discussed the December report**

- The end of December looks good—I’m pleasantly surprised by how we ended the month
- We had a couple of large donations—one member gave \$9,000, also received a designated gift of \$4,000 for Tanzania.
- For stock transfers, we budgeted for \$23K, but we received \$44K.
- Preschool did well—fees year-to-date \$25K are lower than budget, but expenses are also lower.
- On the expense side, we had to pay for the projector and HVAC expenses in December. Even so, we’re \$6,000 ahead of budget for December.
- The Board approved the finance report with a voice vote.

**Any questions on the staff reports?**

- Miranda Oliver posted the revamped job description for the Director of Music and Worship position.

- Sister Tashina’s report mentions the author of our winter book study, Rev. Dr. Anna M. Madsen, will visit us and preach on February 27. Joshua mentioned the book study is not on the calendar on the website, and the link in the bulletin is not working. Sister Tashina said it’s a missed connection, and she will work with the church office on addressing it.
- Mentioned that Ryan Hickock is working on closed captioning for streaming services—so great for people who can’t hear. Very exciting.
- Joshua mentioned he had guests over Christmas and they watched church services on his computer; they were very impressed with the streaming service.

### **Shepherd Annual Meeting**

- Omicron numbers are increasing, but Pastor Renee still wants to keep the annual meeting an in-person event. We need a quorum of 40 people. Sister Tashina checked with the synod about livestreaming, but we can’t do both. It has to be an in-person event only or a streaming event only. We can’t livestream to the whole world, but maybe we can to our closed Facebook page.
- Concern is that if we livestream on Facebook, we might not have an in-person quorum.
- A note on the ratifications: They must be approved before the voting takes place.
- Pastor Renee, Dave, and Elizabeth will stay on after the call to walk through annual meeting.

### **Other notes**

- Reconnecting events are now on hold, though Pastor Brice is still doing coffee and bagels.  
Pastor Renee: A big thank you to Chriss for serving six years on the GB, and thanks to Gayle for filling in as interim secretary.

### **Suggestions for newsletter article:**

- Star Words, wonderful Christmas services, hoping to do the color of sins at Lent this year—start all over since it was interrupted by Covid in 2020, look ahead to Lent. Also, a winter event for families is planned.

**We closed with prayer.** Sister Tashina prayed us out.

Next meeting: February 15 @ 6:30 pm

Submitted by: Gayle Nelson