

**Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2022 @ 6:30pm via Zoom**

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<u>BOARD MEMBERS:</u>	<u>TERM DATES</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>GUESTS:</u>
Dave Webb, Chair	2018; 2019; 2020; 2021; 2022	X	- Pastor Brice Bloxham - Sister Tashina
Deb Kohen, Vice Chair	2015; 2016; 2017; 2018; 2019; 2020; 2021; 2022	X	
Elizabeth Kohen, Treasurer	2018; 2019; 2020; 2021; 2022	X	
Joshua Koepp, Secretary	2022	X	
Kristin Goligowski, At-Large	2020; 2021, 2022	X	
Anna Grace, At-Large	2022	X	
Lynn Mears, At-Large	2017; 2018; 2019; 2020; 2021; 2022	X	
Sally Peters, At-Large	2021, 2022	X	
Pastor Renee Patterson		X	

6:30 Opening Prayer and Mini Bible Devotional led by Renee

From Jesus is Calling Devotional: We are invited to rest in Christ and trust in his presence and action within.

Personal Check-in's

Our favorite ways to enjoy winter include: Ice fishing, walking in the snow, visiting trumpeter swans in Vadnais Heights, skiing, watching birdfeeders, finding warm cozy places, being with friends, reading, and window gazing.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes: No discussion or questions. Motion to approve: Renee moved. Deb Kohen second. Board approved.

Financial Report

- Motion to approve January Financial Report: Lynn moved. Sally seconds. Board Approved.

Discussion of January Report

- Giving and spending consistent with budgeted.
- Ending month ahead of expectations.
- No callouts or concerns from Finance Committee.
- No further questions.

The board supported a proposal to donate previously approved chaperone funds for the ELCA youth

gathering to help defray non-refundable expenses of the cancelled event.

Staff reports: Discussion and Questions

- Deb asked for clarification on the remodeling project in the preschool wing. Pastor Renee summarized the idea and explained the rationale for moving forward promptly: an offer of free labor and other local preschools closing.
- Sally asked if Renee's office location was working for her and if it was intended to be permanent. Renee said she was happy with the location and explained several of its benefits.
- Renee mentioned that Miranda persistently and successfully secures grants and those funds will be identified in reports so we are aware of their financial impact and the implications if they are not available.
- A FEMA grant to support safety and security for faith-based facilities and organizations is currently in the works.
- There are currently four worship director candidates.
- Jean Johnson has graciously agreed to continue as interim until a successful candidate is selected and installed.
- Donut Time between services will include forums and guest speaker sessions during lent through Palm Sunday.

Constitutional Update/Reshaping conversation: Sister Tashina

The governing board is inviting individuals to serve on a committee to thoroughly review and tune-up the SOH constitution in partnership with the Synod. Regular forums and conversations will be held every step of the way.

(re)Connecting events/initiatives:

- Our book study author Dr Anna Madsen coming to preach on Feb 27
- Lenten Donut Hour Adult Forum: Tashina
- Lent-in-a-bag deliveries: Brice
- Sunday Coffee & Donuts INSIDE Shepherd's Hall
- Coffee & Bagels with Brice

Closing Prayer: Pastor Brice

Next meeting: March 15 @ 6:30 pm

Submitted by: Joshua Koepp