

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
March 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		
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 Mini Bible Devotional led by Tashina Luke 13:1-9. We compared verses 1-5 with the parable of the fig tree in verses 6-9 and discussed connections between the two.

Opening Prayer: Sister Tashina

Personal check-in's: As part of check-in, we shared what we think our new Director of Music and Worship should know about Shepherd.

- Our congregation loves the organ.
- Our congregation feels like a family. Covid has kept us apart, and we're looking forward to worshipping together again with no restrictions.
- We're excited about a renewal of robust congregational singing without masks.
- There is great enthusiasm his leadership of a full music program after disruptions in continuity.
- He will enjoy and contribute to the unique and supportive camaraderie shared by Shepherd leadership.
- His office is between Sister T's and Brice's
- He's joining a great team.
- This congregation is a community that wants to be loved, and love in return.

Approval of Minutes and Financial Report

- Minutes:
 - Deb moved to approve.
 - Lynn Seconded.
 - Board approved.
- Financial Report, monthly summary review & update from Finance Team: Elizabeth
 - Sally moved to approve report.
 - Lynn Seconded
 - Board approved.
 - Al Heaton joined finance committee.
 - Finance committee is reviewing their charter to keep it current.
 - Finance committee will provide recommendations for the text that accompanies the financial summary in the bulletin.

Answers to questions on Staff Reports

We will return to the normal form of distributing communion on Easter morning in celebratory manner. The individual communion cups will be available for people who want them.

The Constitutional Review Committee had its first meeting. Second meeting is March 24. The synod representatives were very helpful and we have a process to compare the Shepherd Constitution with the Synod's model constitution and offer suggestions this spring for review.

Two interim directors are in place to cover during Jilene's maternity leave.

Personnel Committee/GB liaison request

The personnel committee requested a designee from the governing board. Lynn agreed to fill this role.

New Director of Worship and Music arrival details

Shaun Halland is the new director and organist. He needs to fulfill existing contracts. July 5 will be his first day in office. July 10 first time leading worship.

Sabbatical request

The Board has approved Pastor Renee's plan to apply for Clergy Renewal Lily grant to fund a sabbatical in summer 2023.

(re)Connecting events/initiatives:

- Sunday Morning Gathering Time (aka: donut time) Conversation on the ELCA's apology to people of African descent. Documents are available.
- Lenten worship
- Coffee & Bagels with Brice

Other business:

The synod extended an invitation for 2 members of the governing board to attend the synod assembly. Joshua accepted.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Brice