

Council Minutes for March 9, 2021 Gold Hill Lutheran Church

This virtual zoom meeting was opened by Mike Lawson at 6:10 p.m. The following were present: Mike Lawson, President; Curt Quist, Administration Director; Revonda Stordahl, Treasurer; Peggy Graving, Secretary; Lynn Aniksdal, Leadership Ministry, and Pastor Marlow Carrels. Chris Ketchum, Worship Ministry and Julie Corbin, Spiritual Ministry, logged on later.

Devotions were given by Pastor Carrels. After reading Ephesians 3:16-21, Pastor expressed that we do not have the full understanding of the Love of God. God's Love surpasses everything we know. We are the Beloved Children of God always. We are loved by Christ Jesus.

Revonda moved and Curt seconded the approval of the February 9th minutes as written. The motion carried.

Revonda reviewed her Treasurer's report – specifically the Budget verses Actual printout. February's income was \$4,000 less than budgets, and the expenses were right on budget. Because January's income was above the budget, the deficit we have at the end of February is -\$678.90. Expenses in February included insurance, Orkin (paid for two visits) and palms for Palm Sunday. Revonda said that memorials and a Thrivent donation totaled \$978 and were all dedicated to the roof loan. In addition to the loan payment a payment of \$1213.00 will be given to the Trust Committee for the repayment of the loan. Revonda has the donation button online on the new website. She said that one needs to be careful when completing the donation. She had not been able to verify the church. She has not checked to see if the church had received the donation. Pastor checked and said it was there. Peggy moved; Lynn seconded the approval of the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Pastor reviewed his report. He has nine attending the Beer and Theology study and seven at the Adult Forum. He is watching the new CDC guidelines. He noted that there are five seminarians in Butte, and he is helping them. The retreat for the council is tentatively scheduled for June 20th. Pastor was asked if there would be a facilitator. He was hoping he or Pastor Sara from Gloria Dei would facilitate, but that they both are expecting babies at this time. He stated that it is stated in his Call to Gold Hill to supervise the Council. He felt the retreat is the way to make sure everyone knows their responsibilities. June 20th is Father's Day, so a better date needs to be found.

Mike reported that he has watched our online services and Bible studies. He feels they are going well. We have many accessible avenues for worship. He asked that we continue as we are for now. He also wanted to thank the synod office for their help with setting up the new website.

Curt had nothing to report.

Chris reviewed her written report. The reader list is available. Easter Sunday will include special music from Paul Vang and hopefully a small choir. New microphones have been ordered. Nicholas said that he would do posters to put up and distribute for the service. There will be a hymn selection on March 16th. Lynn reported that Orkin has been here. He worked out a schedule with Mary. Lynn will renew the contract with TruGreen for fertilizing the lawn. The Parsonage walkthrough was canceled. Pastor asked for a semi-annual walkthrough beginning this June, followed by one in December. He tentatively scheduled June 4th for the walk through. Pastor showed a picture of the upstairs bathroom at the parsonage. He put down the new floor. It looks very nice.

Julie had heard from FLBC and our deposit for VBS is due - \$250. We are scheduled to have VBS with Gloria Dei June 27-July 2. The location this year would be Gold Hill. We asked that Pastor contact FLBC and let them know the deposit is coming but if our church is not holding indoor services, we would not be able to have VBS.

New Business: The council welcomed Nicholas Conlan as the new Outreach Ministry team leader. He will be the Outreach Ministry leader until the annual meeting. Pastor will install Nicholas on Sunday. Leann Whitworth and a photographer have asked permission to take some pictures of the inside of the sanctuary and the Rudy Audio sculpture out front. They are doing a Revolution Production from a National Video Company. The council gave the go ahead for two individuals to come inside the church for this purpose.

The Cloggers asked if they could begin practicing inside the church. The council said not at this time. Pastor had just found out that according to the synod he would qualify for paternal leave of up to 6 weeks when the baby arrives in June. He doesn't know if he would need that amount of time. He will make a decision and come back to the council with a request for leave time.

Old Business: The annual meeting is set for June 6th in the parking lot. We need a quorum of 50 voting members of the church.

A committee of Pastor, Mike, Curt, and Lynn will meet on Thursday, March 18th at 10 a.m. to make some recommendations regarding the opening of the church and the guidelines for groups within the church. Establishing this committee was approved by a unanimous vote after Curt moved and Julie seconded that it be created.