

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Virginia

Voter's Assembly Minutes

25 August 2024

Board members present:

- Laura Blackburn
- Deanine Thrash
- Drew Lipman
- Larry Austin
- Paul Kasulis
- Rob Fekete
- Jen Pelletier

Also present:

- Pastor Jotham Johann
- Pastor Gary James

Call to Order:

- Laura Blackburn calls us to order.
- We have a quorum
- Pastor Johann leads us in prayer.

Columbarium Update (Walt Peter):

- Walt expresses the origin of the Columbarium
- He introduces the committee.
- He announces the plan has been shown to the Board.
- He will share the plans with the congregation.
- Basic Design 3 single sided 24-nitch columbarium units.
- Facing away from the driveway for privacy.
- Can be expanded with a fourth unit.
- Should have ample space for friends and family to gather privately.
- Donations and pre-sale of units would be used to fund the project.
- Question: Future planning, if the campus / church had to relocate. What would happen?
 - o Answer: We would establish a permanent easement even if the facility were to be sold.
- Question: Design has a lot of landscaping; would this be maintained professionally?
 - o Answer: We have a good landscaping program so it would probably be maintained by them. If it becomes an issue we could include it in the rest o the church's landscaping program.

- Question: There are 3 expandable to 4 units, is it designed to start smaller and scale up?
 - o Answer: We wouldn't want to start less than two, due to costs, three makes more sense. The congregation can vote on it and see their interest if there is enough interest we can start with two units or three.

Approval of the 2024 Voter's Assembly Meeting Minutes:

- Laura presents the FY2024 voter's meeting minutes.
- Rob motions to accept, Drew seconds.
- No questions.
- All approve.

Approval of the Proposed FY 2025 Budget:

- Budget is accepted.
- Questions on the budget:
- Question: Could we. Have a proposal to move the budget to December?
 - o Answer: Fiscal vs Year, it would add additional complexity to our budgeting and internal processes, but does not seem to add much.
- Question: Mission Budget was decreased by 5 thousand dollars could we ask why?
 - o Answer: We are running slightly behind expenses vs income this year. We will move necessary items to the Above & Beyond catalog as we can and those can be addressed there.
- Question: Where do we stand on paying off our mortgage?
 - o Answer: We are on schedule, we pay the principle and interest each payment. We reduced our principle by 120 thousand and owe still 1.2million. We do get some additional gifts to the mortgage and we apply those as they come in.
- All Approve.

Approval of the Proposed Bylaw changes

- Approval of the Bylaws delayed to October when we will recommence with the columbarium.
- Moved to accepted, seconded all in favor.

Announcements:

- Listening Sessions will be upcoming. Please look for them in the future.

Closing Prayer:

- Pastor closes us with prayer.

Initial notes taken by: Drew Lipman

On Date: 2024-08-25

Secretary when accepted:

Date: