

## Voters' Assembly Minutes

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

November 19, 2017

Present: See attached sign in sheet.

The meeting was opened by President Randy Lawson at 12:00 pm. Pastor Ray Angerman opened the meeting with a prayer from Acts 2. Pastor Ray talked about the number of organizations out there asking for money. We have a Missions Board that has to make the hard decisions on which organizations we support based on the budget we have. The Church grows through the various outreach activities we take part in.

The minutes of the last Voters' Assembly from June 25, 2017 were approved as published. (Note: the draft watermark will be removed)

President Randy Lawson thanked everyone for their Time and Talent Surveys. We received a total of 36 out of approximately 300 active members. We cannot continue as a church without everyone's time and talents. The Council will review these and get back to everyone.

**Financial Status:** President Randy Lawson presented the current financial status as of October. We are approximately \$10,000 in the red.

**Board Reports** (verbally) were available for those who had questions. One church member requested a status on Lifetree Café. It started out as an evangelism outreach program. Stephanie Lawson said it cannot be quantified. Some people come for the topics; others come for other reasons. We can only do what God asks us to do.

What is our New Member status? It is on the agenda for Outreach Board to address. Pastor Ray is also working with Dianna Riegenbach on this to recognize new members in an appropriate manner, including the membership directory. Perhaps an article in the newsletter is appropriate for those who are willing. How can we welcome them officially? It is up to everyone to reach out and make a connection with new people. Ron Artman cited some examples that have been fruitful. Only 3% of first time visitors will return.

GSLC is going to be involved in a program called 24 to Double that will begin in January 2018. It is a program that will help us double our attendance in 24 months; it consists of videos that will be viewed once month during the adult Sunday school hour. (24todouble.com) One of our church members purchased the entire package for \$1500 for the church. 24 to Double will help us examine our "mission mindedness". Five churches closed in the Southern District this year. We don't want to be one of those churches. We need to start asking ourselves what we can be doing better/differently to grow our church?

No other questions were raised.

**2018 Budget Approval:** President Randy Lawson presented the 2018 Budget to those in attendance and made a motion to approve it as written. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed without discussion.

Randy Lawson expressed his gratitude for those who attended the meeting and passed the budget.

Pastor Ray is doing a seminar at Bob Hope Village on Heaven for at least 100 people on December 5, 2017, 2:30 pm. We will probably be doing ministry as well at Bob Hope Village. We are no longer providing ministry at Westwood. We need to go where God calls us.

The Reformation Festival Event – only \$1100 came out of Thrivent dollars, \$0 came out of the GSLC budget, and the remainder came out of other offerings from church members. Pastor Ray thanked Ron Artman for his efforts. We are praying about what we will do for 2018.

Pastor Ray Closed with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Submitted by:

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