

**Church Council Meeting Minutes
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
August 15th, 2019**

Council Members:

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| Garry Haase (Present) | President | Pastor Ray Angerman (Present) | |
| Ann Lienemann (Present) | Vice President | Curtis Wiese (Present) | Family Life Minister |
| Jean Grieve (Present) | Human Care Chairman | Darrell Bittle (Present) | Properties Chairman |
| Vacant | Stewardship Chairman | Nathan Lepper (Present) | Elder Chairman |
| Vacant | Education Chairman | Kelly Binkley (Absent) | Youth Chairman |
| Vacant | Outreach Chairman | Marion Russell (Present) | Treasurer |
| Diana Fallon (Present) | Fellowship Chairman | Connie Haney (Present) | Recording Secretary |
| Sherry Wiese (Present) | Youth Board | | |

1. Proceedings

A. Call to Order. President Garry Haase called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

B. Opening Devotion. Pastor Ray encouraged us to begin each day with prayer, praise and adoration. Be present with the Lord and plan each day according to his will.

C. Approval of Minutes (July). FLM Curtis noted one correction under paragraph 4F, Stewardship. "Jimmy Curtis" is incorrect. Change the name to read "Jim Owen". Mr Garry Haase made a motion to approve the July meeting minutes. Ms Jean Grieve seconded the motion. The minutes are approved with the correction as noted.

2. Financial Reports

A. Treasurer. Ms Marion Russell presented the Treasurer's report. There is a \$10.00 difference in the dedicated fund account that Ms Russell is investigating. The Church is \$5,372 in the red this month.

B. Business Manager. Mr Haase read the Business Manager's report. Refer to the written report for more information. FLM Curtis mentioned the new copier is now in-place. Pastor Ray mentioned the copier costs less to lease and operate than the old copier.

3. Present Member. Ms Sherry Wiese was present at this meeting.

4. Board Reports.

A. Elders. Mr Nate Lepper highlighted the D-48 initiative. Mr Joe Staton will be screening the list of people who volunteered to become core leaders. There will be more information to follow during the workshop in September. Mr Joe Staton met with the Pastor at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Niceville to discuss the possibility of starting a Life Tree program. The program would be at no cost to St Paul's because it would be considered a branch of GSLC's Life Tree, and the cost is covered under GSLC's license. GSLC's Life Tree cost is currently \$80 per month, which is a decrease from the original \$200 per month.

B. Christian Education. FLM Curtis summarized the slate of new Sunday school classes: Faith Lessons taught by Tom Cox, Pericopes taught by Ross Binkley, and a missional class taught by Pastor Ray. The missional class is about the history of the Missouri Synod and it also draws upon portions of the 24 to Double program. The objective is to learn how to get back to where the LCMS began and how to grow the church. Pastor Ray encouraged all the council members to attend. FLM Curtis' four goals for Rally Day are: 1) raise awareness to be in the word of God, 2) identify with church leadership (e.g., meet and greet the church council members by playing a recognition game), 3) celebrate past ministry accomplishments through display boards and set our sights on the future, and 4) put GSLC on the neighborhood map by using outdoor games.

C. Fellowship. Ms Diana Fallon reported the Board discussed Rally Day and what

the Board members will be preparing for food. Members over 90 years old may prefer to have flowers instead of a cake. The 5th Sunday breakfast in September is “on-hold”. Refer to the written report for more information.

D. Human Care. Ms Jean Grieve reported the school supply drive is on-going through Labor Day, and the supplies will be distributed to three local elementary schools. There will be a food drive for the Trinity Lutheran food bank starting on September 1st. There will be a donation bin in the narthex and the food will be staged in Fellowship Hall for delivery to Panama City. “Undie Sunday” is in support of the Orphan Grain Train. The Board is planning a Life Line screening in December. AED CPR training expires this month. There is refresher training available on Oct 7th at the Ocean City Fire Department. The Board is no longer pursuing a blood drive due to low participation in the past. The food collection for Caring & Sharing is distributed to three different organizations. FLM Curtis has toiletries from a previous event that may be suitable for Caring & Sharing. Refer to the written report for more information.

E. Properties. Mr Darrel Bittle reported on three topics. The sprinkler system and its associated electronic controller is difficult to maintain and is obsolete. The Board will bring-in a professional to troubleshoot the system operation. The Board looked at the church from an outsider’s perspective and noted needed improvements. ~~The sign in the front of the building is very faded so Mr Bittle will contact the original sign maker, Martin’s Designs for Signs, to refurbish it.~~ **The sign on Old Ferry Road in front of the Sanctuary is faded and the Board will contact a sign shop to recommend ways to improve the sign.** ~~The Board will contact a specialist to recommend ways to improve the sign.~~ **The sign on Meigs Drive needs special treatment for old paint - light sandblasting and new paint application, front and back. One firm is looking at that now.** Mr Bittle shared pictures of the top of the cross—the cross is covered in moss. The Board is arranging for someone to pressure wash the cross and is investigating a coating that will prevent future growth of the moss.

F. Stewardship. FLM Curtis has LCMS church worker wellness reports to share—he will send them out. FLM Curtis expressed a desire to hold a stewardship pledge drive.

G. Outreach. No report available.

H. Youth. FLM Curtis conveyed key “take-aways” from the National Youth Convention sessions. The American Heritage Girls Troop will likely disband because he can’t locate a volunteer to serve as the coordinator.

5. Old Business

Organ Fund. Mrs Anna Haase agreed to lead the rummage sale fundraiser. She needs help on the day of event because her primary assistants (Jean Grieve and Flo Hoffman) have conflicts on the day of the sale. The theme for the sale is a Living Estate

Sale in hopes to garner higher returns. Pastor Ray is meeting with Danny Monk at the organ store tomorrow. The organ is scheduled for delivery to the store on August 21st. Pastor Ray stated the Council needs to make a decision whether to wait to install the organ until the money is raised to pay the balance, or to make payments out of the budget for next year. Mr Nate Lepper recommended waiting until after the rummage sale to make a decision whether to pay the balance out of the current budget. FLM Curtis recommended adding a line in next year's budget to pay for the organ, and there was general agreement with that approach. Ms Louis Henry is planning to host an organ dedication recital and a love offering will be collected. Ms Jean Grieve suggested hosting a fundraising event at the Twisted Grape restaurant with a silent auction featuring a few select items. She recommended selling tickets for approximately \$25.00 of which \$12.50 per person is paid to the restaurant. The restaurant serves wine and light refreshments. Ms Grieve agreed to research this option. President Haase summarized the discussion by saying the Council would wait until after the Living Estate Sale to make a decision to whether to pay the organ balance; however, for planning purposes, a line item for organ payments would be added to the budget.

6. New Business

A. DVDs to POBLO. Pastor Ray solicited financial help to ship 1,000 "The Life of Jesus" DVDs to POBLO. Ms Dianna Fallon volunteered to pay for the shipping.

B. Budget Build. The Voter's Assembly meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 24th. The draft budget needs to be available by the September council meeting so it can be finalized at the October meeting.

C. Board Chair vacancies. Outreach, Education, and Stewardship. Mr Brannon Tolbert and Ms Katie Tolbert resigned their Board Chairmanship positions and transferred to a new church.

D. The Hurricane Committee met to review the prioritized list of Living Waters members who need major repairs to get back into their damaged homes. The first priority is the McLeer family who has an autistic daughter. The Hurricane Committee formally requested that all future requests for hurricane-related funding come through the committee. Ms Ann Lienemann made a motion that the remainder of the hurricane relief money (\$11,954) be turned over to the hurricane committee to spend on specific projects selected by the committee members in support of Living Waters housing recovery, with emphasis on the McLeer family. Ms Jean Grieve seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7. DCE's report. FLM Curtis shared there is a District meeting in Slidell, AL, on October 6th-8th that both he and Pastor Ray will be attending. FLM Curtis was invited to attend the monthly circuit pastor's meeting. He will send out the LCMS convention flyer that contains all the church's positions and guidance put forth by the Synod. FLM Curtis summarized a plethora of issues that came before the convention. The closing of Selma was a major (contentious) issue on the

convention floor. From the Elders: church attendance is at an all-time low (11 year history). The last official baptism was performed in 2018.

8. Pastor's report. Pastor Ray's Sunday school class will be a think tank and biblical study about where the Lutheran church was and where it is going. Our congregation does not have to be a casualty in the current decline among churches. Pastor Ray requested we keep all our ill members in our prayers. Hope Lutheran was going to be charged \$1,500 per Sunday to conduct services at their new location, but the Walton County Commissioners voted to waive charges for non-profits. Pastor Ray will be out of town at the end of this month. POBLO wants to start an outreach ministry in Orlando because one of the largest mosques in the US is located there. There will be a Mulligan's concert for The Children's Advocacy Center during October.
9. Next Council Meeting. September 19th, 2019, at 6:00pm.
10. The meeting closed with the song, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow". The meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Minutes submitted by
Connie L. Haney, Recording Secretary

Attachments:

1. Agenda
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Council Meeting Minutes (July Draft)
4. Board of Elder's Report
5. Board of Education Report
6. Board of Youth Report
7. Board of Fellowship Report
8. Board of Human Care Report
9. Board of Stewardship Report
10. Board of Properties Report
11. Pastor's Report
12. FLM's Report
13. Membership Report
14. A Look at the Treasury Report
15. Business Manager's Report