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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

MINUTES – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Sunday, November 17, 2024

Present: Pastor Andrew, Anna-Marie Plyler, Becky Shealy, Carole Sox, Chris Herrmann, David Lucas, Deb Bodie, Jan Haigler, Jason Fowler, Richard Inman

Absent: Barbara Nagy, Ed Woodward

Call to Order: President Shealy called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Devotion: Deb Bodi gave the devotion.

Adoption of Agenda:

President Shealy asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Jan Haigler made the motion, a second was provided by Carole Sox, A voice vote was taken, and the agenda was **Unanimously Approved**.

Adoption of the October 20, 2024 Minutes:

President Shealy asked for a motion to approve the October 20, 2024 Minutes. Richard Inman provided the motion, a second was provided by Chris Herrmann. A voice vote was taken, and the minutes were **Unanimously Approved**

Attendance and Membership for October 2024

October

2024	9:30	SS	YouTube		2023	9:30	SS	YouTube
10/6/2024	117	38	30	<i>18 ladies (2024) at WELCA Retreat 16 ladies (2023)</i>	10/1/2023	106	35	46
10/13/2024	99	34	32		10/8/2023	96	38	57
10/20/2024	95	33	26		10/15/2023	107	38	88
10/27/2024	116	49	27		10/22/2023	95	51	N/A
					10/29/2023	104	37	58
Average	107	39			Average	102	40	

Note: YouTube numbers reflect number of views, not number of people viewing.

Total Membership* as of 12/31/2023: 578

*Realm Membership Status

Resident Active: 377 / Resident Inactive: 118

Non-Resident Active: 22 / Non-Resident Inactive: 61

Current active Realm membership at the time of the October 2024 Council Meeting: 393

Members Added since the October 2024 Council Meeting: 0

Members Removed since the October 2024 Council Meeting: 1

Betty Ciccolella: Adult Removed – Death

Current active Realm membership at the time of the November 2024 Council Meeting: 392

Reports

1. Treasurer's Report: Report Submitted.
2. Realm Financial Report: Reports Submitted.
3. Pastor Andrew's Report: Report Submitted.

Standing Committees:

1. Communication – Carole Sox: No Written Report. The Communication Committee did not meet in person this month but corresponded by mail about the advertising for the Community Service and Christmas services.
2. Evangelism Committee – Jason Fowler: No Written Report Submitted.
3. Finance Committee – David Lucas: Written Report Submitted.
 - a. Technology Subcommittee: Written Report Submitted
4. Gifts Committee – Ed Woodward: No Written Report Submitted.
5. Learning Committee – Barbara Nagy: No Written Report Submitted.
6. Parish Life Committee – Deb Bodie: No Written Report Submitted.
7. Property Committee – Richard Inman: Chair: No Written Report Submitted.
8. Social Ministry Committee – Cathy Milejczak and Rod Kent: Written Report Submitted at meeting.
9. Worship Life Committee – Becky Shealy: No Written Report Submitted.
10. Youth & Children Committee – Chris Herrmann: No Written Report Submitted.

Old Business

1. 2025 Budget Preparation:

The 2025 Proposed Budget was handed out at the meeting. Several questions were asked. Jan Haigler, Treasurer and David Lucas, Finance Chair provided detailed answers to the questions. After the question and answer session, President Shealy moved to call the question to present the proposed 2024 GSLC Budget to the Congregation. Several seconds were offered. A voice vote was taken and the motion was **Unanimously Approved**.

2. Upcoming Council Elections:

Council nominees submitted by Council who have agreed to serve if elected: Kate Ferlauto, Sid Havird, Mary Margaret Hoy, David Lucas, Becky Shealy and Deborah Whitlow. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 24, 2024, immediately following the worship service.

Note: At the March 11, 2024 Council Meeting, the following motions were approved:

Executive Committee moves to amend the number of Council members from 10 to 11 beginning with the year 2025 and from 11 to 12 in the year 2026. The Committee also moves that Council Members would be eligible to receive a second two-year term following the completion of the first term. Council members would be required to be off Council for 1 year following the second consecutive term before being eligible for reelection. The Committee also moves the number of nominees shall be the number required to fill the vacant positions to Council with additional nominees coming from the floor.

3. Upcoming Foundation Board Elections:

The Foundation Board has nominated Ed Woodward to serve. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 24, 2024, immediately following the worship service.

4. Sale of Good Shepherd Bus:
 - a. On October 20, 2024, Richard Inman, Property Committee Chair Briefed Council that the Property Committee approved the sale of the GSLC Bus. The bus had been used only several times since December of 2023. As a result, David Lucas brought forth a motion that Property Committee move forward on selling the bus. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - b. On October 24, 2004, Mr. Inman sent an email to Council members stating that the appraisal on the bus was [REDACTED] and that he had received an offer of [REDACTED]. He requested that Council submit a vote of Yes or No on whether to accept the offer. All Council members voted "Yes".
 - c. On November 8, 2024, the GSLC Bus was sold to Christian Academy, located in Myrtle Beach for [REDACTED]. The payment for the bus was deposited in the Money Market Account. After the payment cleared the bank, the Title to the bus was sent to the buyer via Overnight FedEx.
5. Status of Non-Standing Business:

The Mutual Ministry Committee is awaiting responses from nominees.
6. 2025 Committee Assignment Preferences:

At the meeting, returning/potentially returning Council Members were given the opportunity to submit their committee assignment preferences for Council Year 2025.

Petitions and Communications

For those who have not done so, please send a list of all those serving on and/or attending your Committee. Also, please remember to start working on your committee's annual report and have it ready to submit to the Parish Administrator before December 20.

The Pulse

Executive Session

N/A

Adjourn

President Shealy declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. Pastor Andrew closed the meeting by offering prayer.

Respectfully Submitted: Anna-Marie Plyler

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**MINUTES - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Congregational Meeting
Sunday, December 1, 2024**

Call to Order :

President Becky Shealy called the meeting to order immediately after the Benediction of the November 2, 2024 worship service.

Purpose of the Meeting: President Shealy announced that the purpose of the meeting was to accept nominations from the floor vacant positions on the Congregational Council and the Good Shepherd Foundation Board.

Business:

President Shealy made the congregation aware that a nomination for Council or Foundation Board should not be presented from the floor unless the nominee had given their prior approval.

Mrs. Shealy stated that the six persons nominated to serve on Congregational Council for the term beginning January 1, 2025 were: Katie Ferlauto, Sid Havird, Mary Margaret Hoy, David Lucas, Becky Shealy, and Deborah Whitlow. President Shealy asked for nominations from the floor. Having none, Mrs. Shealy declared the nominations for Council closed.

President Shealy then stated that the nominee to serve on the Good Shepherd Foundation for the term beginning January 1, 2025 was Ed Woodward. Mrs. Shealy then asked for nominations from the floor. Having none, President Shealy declared the nominations for the Good Shepherd Foundation closed.

President Shealy notified the congregation that there would be a Congregational Meeting on December 15, 2024, immediately after the service to elect new Council Members and a Foundation Board member as well as to present, answer questions and adopt the Good Shepherd 2025 Budget.

Adjourn:

Having no further business, President Shealy declared the Congregational Meeting adjourned. The congregation then joined in the Sending Hymn and Dismissal.

Respectfully submitted: Anna-Marie Plyler

Pastor's Report
Rev. Andrew Isenhower
November 15—December 13, 2024

Pastoral Acts

- No funerals
- No baptisms
- No weddings

Worship and Music

- I preached, presided, and led worship for 4 Sunday worship services.
- I preached and led worship for two midweek Advent services.
- I preached and led worship for the Community Thanksgiving service.
- I served as assisting minister for the ordination of Emily Stolba.
- I participated in worship planning.

Education

- I have continued leading the mid-week bible study via Zoom.
- I have provided Faith 5 resources each week for members and families.
- I have continued teaching in-person Bible study.
- I taught the Confirmation Sunday school class each week.

Pastoral Care

- I made 3 in-home visits and 6 hospital/facility visits.
- I have followed up with bereaved members and families.
- I made 23 Pastoral Care phone calls.

Social/Fellowship/Community Events

- I continued leading the MORE Justice Task Force.
- I attended the social after the Community Thanksgiving service.
- I attended the children's Christmas program.
- I attended the POGS meeting.

Church Business

-I attended the following committee meetings:

- 75th Anniversary Task Force
- Evangelism
- Executive

Synodical Business

-None this month.

Continuing Education

- I met with my clergy colleague support group.

Self-Care

- I took time each day for devotional reading and prayer.
- My brother and his girlfriend visited from NJ for Thanksgiving, so we were able to enjoy some time together as a family.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew W. Isenhower

Pastor Andrew Isenhower

**MINUTES – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Communication Committee**

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Meeting Date: December 11, 2024 – committee met through email correspondence

The following email correspondence was sent to the Communication Committee:

Good evening all,

It looks like the majority of our committee is unavailable to meet on Thursday. I think it is best to cancel our meeting. Here are a few items I was going to discuss so pls let me know if you have any comments.

1. Steve made a lovely graphic for our Christmas services, and it was sent to Deborah for Wade to post on FB and tag the City of Forest Acres.
2. The annual report is due soon and I have attached a copy for your review. If you would like to add or change anything, pls let me know asap.
3. This would have been our last meeting, so I wanted to thank each of you for your participation and support over the last 2 years. I appreciate each of you and am grateful for the opportunity to serve with you on this committee.

Again, many thanks for all you do!

Carole

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MINUTES- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Evangelism Committee Meeting

Date: Dec 11, 2024

Present: Jason Fowler, Don Caughman, Pastor Andrew Isenhower

Absent: N/A

Call to Order and Devotion: 4:00 pm.

Notes:

Thanksgiving with the Community

- Event took place on November 24, 2024- 5pm
- Restated Intent- Invite the community much like Don Caughman stated that GSLC did after the Floods in 2015. Pastor Andrew stated that it will be to give thanks and be a community welcoming all. The focus is opening our doors to the surrounding community- all people and faiths.
- Banner was purchased by Evangelism Committee- stored in Hallway behind Youth Room for next year.
- Special Thanks to those who brought home baked goods.
- FOR NEXT YEAR- to bolster the Event and Community participation- get an early start, get with community groups, and Pastor will reach out early to incorporate other religious leaders in planning process
- Advertisements, Fliers around Forest Acres, Columbia Star
- Other Community leaders- possibly dedicate sponsors to recruit and follow-up meeting prior to event by stake holders and/or with stake holders
- START EARLIER

WHAT WENT WELL-

- Music, service, camaraderie
- Banner
- Food
- Food Drive- Pastor ensured goods were delivered to AC Flora Food Bank

End of Term:

- My sincerest thanks to this committee for letting me be your chair and council representation. I have learned a lot and deeply grateful for your support, kindness, and willingness to serve Good Shepherd as a member of the Evangelism Committee. I hope to come back to council at some point and feel like we continue to do strong work and look forward to what is next for this small but mighty team!

Other business/ Suggestions from the Committee

*Next Evangelism Committee Council meeting time/ date is TBD by new chairperson.

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned with prayer at approximately 4:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jason M. Fowler

Committee Chairperson

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75th Anniversary Task Force Report

The Task Force met on November 19, 2024.

Items discussed and update:

- A. Jan. 31- Feb. 2, 2025 – Congregational Retreat at Lutheridge; Pastor Drew Yoos (son of the congregation) guest presenter. Retreat theme – Walking in the Spirit. Retreat t-shirts will have 75th anniversary logo on front and retreat logo on back. Extra shirts are being made available at \$15 each.
- B. February 9, 2025 – 9:30 a.m. worship service and celebration of Charter 2/5/50; light refreshments after service. Pastor Andrew to extend invitation to sons of the congregation who became pastors – The Rev. Dr. Roy Riley and the Rev. Dr. Michael Riley – to be guest preacher and proclaimer for the service. Other special guests to be invited: Synodical representative, former pastors and their families. Special invitations to be printed. Members are encouraged to invite family, friends and former members. Committee involvement needed from Worship Life, Parish Life, and Communications. Committees to be notified after 2025 committees established.
- C. April 27, 2025 – 4:00 p.m. --Spring Festival with music concert. Opportunity for members to share their musical talents in the sanctuary. Fun and fellowship to follow. Jim Johnson will work on getting members to participate. Members are encouraged to invite family, friends and former members. Committee involvement needed from Parish Life, Youth & Children, and Communications.
- D. September 14, 2025 – 9:30 a.m. Homecoming Worship Service with catered dinner afterwards in the FAB. Former pastor The Rev. Dr. Ron Feltman has accepted Pastor Andrew's invitation to be guest preacher for the day. Also, recognition of specific ministries GS is involved in (i.e., Food Pantry, Fun Fridays, MOWs, Ramp Ministry) and inviting some recipients of those ministries to the celebration day. Other special guests to be invited: Synodical representative, former pastors and their families. Members are encouraged to invite family, friends and former members. Committee involvement needed from Worship Life, Parish Life, Social Ministry and Communications.
- E. Other possibilities: Pastor Andrew has been encouraged to consider inviting other former pastors to participate in worship with us during this celebration year. Pastor Andrew has confirmed former Bishop & Pastor Herman Yoos will be guest preacher February 16, 2025. Pastor Paul Wollner will be with us in March.

Budget and Funding Resources – ██████ Grant has been received from GS Foundation. This will help fund magnets and publication of special booklet on GS history and worship symbols (i.e. stained glass windows, glass cross, baptismal font, etc.)

Advertising/Communications/Publications

- A. Bulletin boards/ Posters – Debi Powell has created special display board on pastors, which can be viewed in the narthex. Debi and Anna Marie Plyler are gathering materials and creating a special display to be viewed in the glass board on the walkway of the Educational Building.

- B. Newsletter articles – Don Caughman is continuing to do interviews with various members of the congregation to be published in newsletter. Savannah and Blake Gross will be interviewing Don for one of the articles.
- C. Magnet – Kappy Cannon will order GSLC magnets, funded by GS Foundation grant.
- D. Booklet – Stephanie Seay will take pictures by December 17, 2024. Pastor Andrew, Bruce Shealy and Nancy Hyatt have met to review text on GS's history and worship symbols in our sanctuary. Plan to have booklets for distribution at February 9, 2025 Charter Sunday.

Old Sanctuary Cornerstone:

After investigation, it has been determined that items were enclosed in the cornerstone of the old sanctuary in 1955. Pictures and an article about this will be in an upcoming newsletter.

Next meeting date -- January 7, 2025, 4:30 p.m.