



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council
Council Minutes
September 19th, 2005

Gathering

Members in attendance: Alex Plavocos, Paul Lester, Jeff Dozer, Adam Buff, Corinne Lee, Pastor Jennifer Hepler, Pastor Noah Hepler, Pastor David Sloop, Becky Martin, Leita Lewis, Nancy Herje, Frank DiNunzio, Mike Montgomery, Christina Valente (Treasurer) and Nancy Ballard.

Also in attendance: Shirley Anthony, Dan Burris (youth director), Carol Henderson (director of music),

~Opening prayer

~Quorum declared

~Additions to agenda: Stephen Ministry Breakthrough Leadership Opportunity

~Approval of minutes from July and August meetings *Motion Paul Lester, 2nd Frank DiNunzio*

Sharing of the Word

Informational

Council Elections: extra ballots will be available on Oct. 2nd. Since congregation members must sign ballots, the group that counts the ballots must check ballots against the master list to validate one vote per person.

Church Van Replacement : Breck Cassidy, Frank DiNunzio (paper report given to council)

Last spring when the van went in for State inspection, the routine repairs were around 1,500. There were several other issues over the summer which totaled approx. 4,500 dollars in repairs.

Discussion: 15 Passenger Van vs. 15 passenger Activity bus

15 passenger van : Safety issues are a concern. They are far more unstable when fully loaded. They are cramped, lack any roll protection, as well as very little protection for the gas tank. The new NTSB standards have become the standard for transporting children, and these type vehicles do not meet the standards an insurance companies are starting to deny coverage.

Activity Bus: has aisle, and rollover protection, fuel tank protection, indiv. seats w/ belts.

Renting one on a per use basis: \$150 a day plus gas. Also need to provide your own insurance. This is just for a basic school bus, does have AC. This would run us about 8K a year with current usage.

If we had an activity bus, the group feels we would increase current usage.

Can get these gas or diesel. Diesel engines last longer, and get slightly better mileage. (Has a 37 gal tank)

There is space for luggage inside in the back and overhead storage. (Is 22 feet long)

Financing: We have a little over 4K in dedicated funds. This would be used as a down payment. Blue book value on sale of the van is around 2K. Maybe a special appeal could be done for more of a down payment. The loan payment will be a budgeted item in the 2006, but the need is imminent. Given the safety concerns, and insurance issues this needs to be an independent decision at this point.

Used vs. New: Used, late model with low mileage are very hard to come by. Might take us a while to get one.

Lease vs. Purchase. No equity, and our treasurer recommends purchase. Given the miles we put on it leasing doesn't seem to be in our best interest.

ACTION: Motion executive committee

Hereby authorizes the Property Committee, specifically Breck Cassidy, to initiate the purchase of a 15 passenger Activity Bus to replace the existing 15 passenger church van. The Property Committee will pursue the purchase of a vehicle, with the cost not to exceed \$42,000.00 excluding estimated sales tax, registration, personal property tax and fees. We also authorize the Property committee to negotiate the sale of the existing 15 passenger van owned by GSLC.

Passed 8 for 1 against

Congregation will be notified of this decision through the pewsletter and newsletter.

Current use of the van will cease immmediately.

2006 Budget Process Status Paul Lester

Greg is expecting input from staff and ministry teams by Wednesday (their budgets and explanation for the request). All members of Finance committee have contact with specific teams, so Greg is not the only contact between ministry teams and Finance.

Committee will meet October 2-3 to review budget.

10/11: Recommended budget to Exec committee.

10/17 budget will be discussed at council meeting.

We need to determine where we are in regard to a balanced/non-balance budget for 2006.

Heart tent: people were enjoying the day. No data yet on what pledged amount looks like.

A reminder letter (to go out early to mid next week) Will not go to non-pledgers (but give), youth and others which this may be inappropriate for. This will also go out in email form.

Maybe a budgeted item could be a conference/speaker phone to allow council members who travel to still be part of the meetings. This may fall under media line item budget.

November Council Retreat Alex Plavocos

~Draft agenda was sent to council members. Food plan needs to be developed. A list was passed for sign up .

~Leadership team is hoping to give a full report to council prior to the retreat (one week before). The leadership team will meet with the Executive team in Oct. 2006 . They will come to the retreat with a plan which will be presented to council in hopes of approving for 2006.

Focus areas for 2006 will come from the Burning Platforms review discussion from Friday night of the retreat, but the rest will more than likely come from the leadership task force recommendations. An implementation plan will be presented by the leadership task force. The task groups should have a document to share which details what has been accomplished, and what they still feel is a need.

Jeff will continue to work on the agenda/plan for the weekend.

Update on 25th Anniversary Appeal Pastor David

Meeting of team last Thursday. Two members of the team are not going to be able to continue to be a part of this process so the team needs two additional members. If they can't get a plan together by October, then we need to perhaps look at a two year campaign, rather than a three year. There is still a lot of work to do. The debt reduction piece needs to be looked at as whether it is viable.

Offertory/Response to the Word

Pastoral Report

~Highlights presented at meeting

Member participation report from Pastor David

316 household, 230 have involvement other than worship. Based on this list, 86 people would be considered not participating. There are more people involved that 80/20 idea that 80% of the work is done by 20% of the people.

ACTION: Adam will create a spread sheet documenting active participation trends.

Approval of New Members

Bill and Shari Almes	Matt and Krista Kness	Donna and Joe Paridillo
Rick and Judy Bartz	Bryna Riley(asst member)	Chris and Danielle Sisto
Lois Erickson	Steve and Suzanne Touglas	Mark Wilson
Skye Gunderson	Keyhon and Kristen Worrell	Angela and David Hutzenbuler
Carol Humphries		

Motion: to approve new members listed on October 16th pending completion requirements of the new member process. List to be finalized by Pastors. Approved unanimously.

Katrina Relief Update—Pastor David

A volunteer group from our congregation has formed. Dave Roupp and Alan Dickson (if not elected to council) will co-chair the effort. We may just support a family in housing, or actually find housing. The refugee model may be something this group might use.

Stephen Ministry Update and Survey Pastor Jennifer/Pastor David

A new class will start in January 2006. Council was given a sheet to recommend potential Stephen Leaders.

Stephen Leader Breakthrough Leadership Conference

Council was given materials regarding hosting this conference in January.

~It is looked at as community outreach as well as an opportunity for our congregation.

~The last event in Raleigh drew about 400-500 people.

~Need a contact person. Stephen ministry would take care of major coordination efforts, would need help with food , set up etc. Fees to attend should cover our costs.

Motion: GSLC council will authorize payment not to exceed 3,500 for the Stephen ministry conference in January 2006, expecting that registration fees will reimburse GSLC for this commitment. 2nd Pastor Jennifer passed unanimously

Coffee House is scheduled for that Friday night. Pastor David will pursue changing this date to the previous Friday.

Report From Directory of Music Ministries

Full report given to council

Sending

Next meeting items:

- Nancy Herje~ Faith Sharing
- 2006 Budget Review and Recommendations—Finance Committee

Calendar Items

- October 2nd Council elections
- October 9th New Member Lunch after 11:00 service-council bring a dish to share
- Next meeting October 17th 6:30
- Council Retreat November 4th & 5th Camp Agape
 - New Council members to attend.

Benediction and Dismissal

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Ballard, Congregational secretary