



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council  
Council Minutes  
October 17th, 2005

Gathering

Members in attendance: Alex Plavocos, Ann Kuhar, Jeff Dozer, Laura Prill, Paul Lester, Adam Buff, Pastor Jennifer Hepler, Pastor David Sloop, Nancy Herje, Doug Austin, Mike Montgomery, Christina Valente (Treasurer) and Nancy Ballard.

Also in attendance: Patrick Ballard (newly elected youth council member) Dan Burris (youth director), Carol Henderson (director of music),

~Opening prayer

~Quorum declared

~Additions to agenda: Timeline for Youth Gathering

~Approval of minutes from meeting *Motion Jeff Dozer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam Buff*

Actions/discussions

**2005 Financial report** (C. Valente)

Full report on file.

- September off about 15-16K. We are 19K under budget. The thinking is Katrina/Rita relief may have affected giving.
- October is expected to be better (5 Sunday month)
- 54K deficit at this time
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**Church Bus update**

- 2750 has come in through the campaign. The bus has been sold band for 3,200K.
- a deposit has been put down and ordered.
- Delivery will be in November (bus is in Indiana. Breck will fly out and drive back).
- An open “bus” Sunday will promote the new purchase.
- Possibly can get a 5 1/8 5-10 year fixed loan from Thrivent. We will write a check for the bus to get the title, and then begin to pay the loan off. Christina will check the bylaws to see if we can take on new debt.

**2006 Budget Status** (C. Valente/ Paul Lester)

- Looking at trends, the numbers shouldn't change dramatically from 2005. 930,000K budget is projected and is manageable. 980,000k was requested.
- 30% growth is planned for utilities.
- SME role is budgeted for part time for 2006.

**2006 Council Officers Planning**

- There are a lot of ways council members can lend their talents for things such as constitutional changes, various ministry teams and focus groups.
- Council was asked to reflect on what roles they will play.
- Council was asked to think about whether the President, or Vice President role would be something which interests them
- Leadership team has looked at ways we bring on leaders at GSLC

### **Retreat Planning**

- Jeff will contact new members regarding retreat specifics

### **Endowment Jeff Dozer**

- Have debt from the memorial garden. Members will be contacted (targeted group) to purchase niches or donate to the fund.
- All Saints Sunday will be a time to bring the memorial garden status in front of the congregation

### **Youth Fundraising Timeline**

- Report on file
- 4 Proposed fundraisers: Super Bowl Sunday Subs, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Valet Car Wash, Hire-a –Youth. Other possible fundraisers: evening of dining and entertainment, “Flamingos”

***Motion: (Nancy Herje) move that council approve fundraising proposal as presented and hereby give Dan Burris approval to proceed with the fundraiser proposal as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam Buff passed***

Discussion: Flamingoes: maybe this should be done at the church, in case someone would be offended. Jeff-most feedback he has heard about something like this is that it is well received.

Be mindful of those who would not

### **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update**

Task Force members: Rich Mielke, Paul Lester, Art Pfefferle, Amy Meadowcroft,

The discussion from the group: minimum goal would be 25K for a total of 80K (three year) for debt reduction. Discuss endowed gifts vs. directed gifts. Keep 2/3 to be given away, 1/3 to keep internally. Evangelism: would like to see support for the mission in SE Raleigh. Outreach would like to see something local and global. The original timeline would be adapted. Stay to three years, 2006-2008. Some in the congregation have recently asked that the debt be reduced. Maybe a dedicated account (line item) be added to budget to allow for directed giving.

### **Faith Sharing-Nancy Herje**

Informational

#### **Personnel**

- Pastor Noah going on medical leave of absence effective immediately. GSLC has short term obligation for benefits. Synod will step in to help pay benefits after that. Every three months GSLC will be updated. He will worship at other churches during this time. Pastor Jennifer will become full time.
- Some adjustments have been made, too soon to tell if staff will be overburdened.

#### **Pastoral Report**

~Highlights presented at meeting

- Stephen Ministry Leadership Breakthrough Friday and Saturday 27-28, 2006. All council members should plan on attending. Ministry team leaders should be contacted by council and asked to attend. Local business leaders are also being sought to attend.

Sending

**Calendar Items**

**Executive team**

- special planning meeting 10/24 5:00pm
- next executive team meeting 11/15 5:00

**Council**

- Retreat Nov 4-5
- Leadership Task Force Recommendations meeting 11/13 12:30
- Next council meeting 11/21 6:30
- Church leaders Advent celebration at the Plavocos's 12/3 7:00pm

**Agenda items for next meeting**

- 2006 budget
- preschool proposal
- backlighting for sanctuary-5K project. (Carol Henderson)

**Meeting reflection/evaluation**

**Benediction and Dismissal**

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Ballard, Congregational secretary