

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Vision Council

Agenda for Monday, October 28, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

– Upper Lakeside Room –

Present: Pastor Lisa Buchanen, Jess Kramer, Dave Larsen, Melissa Bergman, Janean Tucker, Cole Peterson, Karen Pagel Guernndt, Cyndi Venberg, Mike Klopp

Not Present: Lauren Nyenhuis

6:00

Devotions - Janean

Review of Agenda / Approval of Minutes

Dave Larson motioned to approve the minutes for September 16, 2024; Jess Kramer seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Pastor's Report- Pastor Lisa

- The Transition Team has been formed! First meeting is Wednesday 10/30; commissioning is on November 17.
- In theory, the team will have some recommendations by the annual meeting in February.
- Pr. Lisa is gone November 10; Katie will run the worship service.

Treasurer's Report- Dave Larson

- No unusual expenses. \$3,000 for roof project.
- Pledged, unpledged, and loose offerings are below September expectations. We are still "on track" to be in the black at year end.

New Business

- Review Giving Decrease
 - Discussion about not "passing the plate" and how that may be affecting loose and unpledged offering. One idea- keep laminated cards in the pews with a QR code on one side ("I gave digitally") and recognition of digital commitment on the other side ("I have pledged to give through Simply Giving"). Pr. Lisa will discuss with EGLT.
 - Discussion about the importance of emphasizing appeals (Ascend, Give to the Max). We wrote \$20,100 into our budget last March for general expenses, and we are at YTD \$12,095.
- Fireproof safe for office/record-keeping
 - LCGS currently does not have anything for historical documents. We currently have a lock box off-site that Christine has access to. Pastor Lisa will look into this with staff and purchase what they deem necessary.

Leadership Team and Liaison Reports

A. Experiencing God – Janean Tucker

- EGLT has the goal for Director of Music is to interview prior to Dec. 15. Pr. Lisa will ask Amie to post on facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Indeed.
- Christmas/Advent events have started to be planned.

B. Reaching Out – Cyndi Venberg

- Directory was been sent in today. There will be an app associated with it. It takes 10 weeks to turn it around.

C. Nurturing Faith – Melissa Bergman and Lauren Nyenhuis

- Reverse Trick or Treat collected over 1,000 cans of food.
- Wrapped in God's Love on Nov. 10.
- The synod-wide retreat for Confirmation students at Craguns has returned to in-person! Katie will be gone for this on Sunday Nov. 24 with 12 LCGS members.

D. Resource Development –Dave Larsen, Karen Pagel Guerndt, Cole Peterson (Stewardship)

- The main part of the roof is repaired as the chimney has been tuckpointed.
- Frank Wanner is working with a group working on a roster update. It is currently around 900 people.

E. Endowment Fund Board – Lauren Nyenhuis and Jess Kramer

- Met Wednesday 9/18. One request from Kids Closet and Endowment gave what is typically given.

Next Meetings:

- Monday November 25 6:00pm - Cole Devotions
- Annual Meeting February 2

Missy motioned to close the meeting. Cole seconded.

Adjourn with the *Lord's Prayer*