

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, LLC
16150 E El Lago Blvd, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268
Council Meeting Minutes
1/24/2023

President Erich Korsten called the meeting to order at 9:00 am in the Education Building, Room 5/6. Those in attendance were Erich, Sue Boyle, Bill Gest, Dan Beck, Dennis Johnson, Pastor Jeff Teeples, and Donna Hawkinson. Dottie Dudgeon was absent. Guests in attendance were Mike Petersen, Roger Miller and Debbie Vinopal.

Pastor Jeff Teeples shared the devotion from the 2023 Daily Text for January 24th.

Donna Hawkinson reviewed the minutes from the December meeting. With changes or corrections, Dan Beck made motion to accept the minutes as written. Sue Boyle seconded the motion. Debbie clarified that the auto policy discussed at the last meeting was paid, so we now have additional coverage. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Pastor Jeff gave his report: started "Open the Aperture, Let the Light In" using 1 Corinthians as his biblical focus. He has begun to concentrate on stepping into the schools in town. He met with the elementary principal and high school leaders at their general meetings. He reported there are 700 children in FH under the age of 5. When asked how they need help or how we could partner with them, no specific feedback was given. He visited one of our mission partners recognized through the Welcome Home program, Reigning Grace, which is an equine center north of Tonto Verde on Dynamite. The Ministerial Association is meeting on February 7th at SOTH at 8:00 am. The association had put a request into the Billy Graham association to see if there would be any interest in having them come to do a revival in Fountain Hills. They are showing interest, so the meeting will be in prayer around this revival. Planning for Nicaragua missionary Juan Benito's visit is on hold for now due to illness. Nine people attended the Get Connected class. Most are interested in joining, two would be as associate members. Grief Group began meeting two weeks ago with 16 people; 5 from our congregation and the remainder from the community. For Lent, Chosen Season 3 will be viewed. Ash Wednesday service will be at 6:30 on February 22. Viewing of Season 3 will begin the following week at 1:00 pm, with the second viewing being at 6:30 following the soup suppers at 5:15, Lenten services at 6:00. Doug Lobb brought forward a request about bringing in a speaker and author on a vegan diet. It was suggested that this might be a better fit at the FH Community Center as he might get a larger, more diversified group. We will help promote the event through our website and emails.

Missions/Outreach: The report from Dottie was reviewed. The FH Chamber is holding a "Fountain Hills Days" on March 18th from 10am to 2pm. Since the Stroll in the Glow was rained out, sponsors are being offered a spot on the Avenue to participate in this event. The Council agreed to participate. Debbie will work with Dottie to get a team together to plan and to work the event. Full report is attached.

Worship: Dennis reviewed his attached. It was recommended that with reducing the number of announcements before service, it would be good to put a slide at the end of the service to remind people of upcoming events or if there are signups outside after church. LiFT is doing a "Share the Love" event the last 3 weeks of February called Undie Sunday. Even though we've held other Share the Love events in February, Dan made motion to approve the event. Sue seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion was carried. Full report is attached.

Property: We have received a quote for replacing the west kitchen door, the door by the propane tanks, the door going in to the Education Building hallway, and a door frame for Room 1 in the Ed building. The quote of \$4,927 was received from Milos Construction. The doors will be fiberglass over steel. Donna made a motion to authorize ordering the doors and frame as long as there is a manufacturers and installation warranty on them. Dennis seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Moon Valley Plumbing was here Monday using cameras to look down the drains on the east side of the sanctuary building. We were told cameras aren't very effective in finding leaks because of hairline cracks or fractures. They recommend we do an epoxy seal on the inside of the drain pipes. The cost should be under the amount required for Council approval. Debbie and Dan will make that determination once a quote is in. Complete report is found below.

Bill Gest gave an update on the financials for December. Summary is included below. The Finance Committee would like to create a card with giving options to include by the offering plate and in the pew backs. Council agreed and thought it was a good idea.

Debbie Vinopal brought a copy of the annual report pamphlet. The report was reviewed. Thank you, Debbie, for your thoroughness and timeliness in completing the report. Council reviewed the list of eligible voting members for completeness.

Erich shared that our legal counsel has received the request for documentation. The work to pull this data together has been started.

Audio/Visual Coordinator job description was reviewed. With striking the one line about volunteer coordination, Dan made a motion to accept the job description as written. Sue seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion was carried. Sue, Pastor and Matthew interviewed Aaron Fable for the position. Matt Ruby withdrew his name from the list of candidates. Dan made a motion to hire Aaron Fable for the position at the rate of \$27/hour. Bill seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion was carried. This is a contract position. This contract position will be reviewed annually.

Installation of officers will be on February 5th at both services. Those not available will be installed on February 19th at both services. Roger Miller will provide two meeting times to Tom Ashbrook to review chapter 13 of the Constitution with the Council; 1) February 9 at 1 pm, or 2) February 23 at 1 pm. Once that date is set, Roger will request Room 5/6 for the meeting.

TIA update – Sue reported that Lisa would like a sign for the school on the boulevard. Lisa will get city expectations for signage. She would also like to expand the number of students for the 2023-2024 therefore is requesting use of more of the campus. She will have to find a workaround for the Quilters who use the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday mornings, and BSF who uses all of the rooms in the Education Building and the Fellowship Hall on Thursdays from 9-10:30. She would like to use all of the rooms in the education building except for rooms 5/6, also known as the Easter Room. Dan made a motion to allow TIA to expand their use the Education Building and Fellowship Monday through Friday, except for Tuesday from 8 am to 12 pm. And Thursday mornings from 9 – 10:30. Bill seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Sue will work with Lisa to finalize her facility request and verify when she wants to start the expansion as they are losing space in the FH Community Center due to more winter programs for the community. The congregation will be invited to STEM night, the Vets dinner and a play coming this spring.

The Annual Meeting Agenda was reviewed. The agenda is as agreed to at the December meeting.

The next Executive meeting will to be held in Office Conference Room on February 21st at 9 am. The next regular Council meeting will be held on February 28th at 9 am in the Education Building, Room 5/6. Dennis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion was carried. We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 11:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hawkinson

Recording Secretary

Approved at the February 28, 2023 meeting

Missions/Outreach Report – Dottie Dudgeon 1/24/2023

Memorial Committee – As of the end of 2022, balance is \$23,320.30

Columbarium – No activity with new sales or services.

Outreach – Representative from the FH Chamber is offering us a complimentary booth in their event on Saturday, March 18, 2023, “Fountain Hills Days”. The event is from 10am-2pm. The event will also feature a car show and “Taste of Fountain Hills” restaurants. Please see handout flyer for more activities planned that day. The Ministerial Council will be participating but SOTH has been given a separate space.

Cursillo – Donna Hawkinson is the new Parish Representative for SOTH.

Friends Feed Friends – This is no longer an event led by SOTH members, but is highly represented in volunteers in auxiliary ways every Friday at Papago Park in Tempe, AZ. Currently, Matthew 25 has taken over responsibility of planning meals and the set-up each week. SOTH members will provide meals in months that have 5 Fridays.

Missions – See annual report for update.

Health & Wellness – Rachel Clausen continues her series on “Living Strong” on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 10am. This is open to the community.

Scholarship – Annual SOTH talent show is on February 3, 2023. In the past, John Bjornholt has provided the moneys for the winners of the talent show. This year, John will be turning in a request for covering the \$350 prize money which should be taken from the Scholarship funds in the restricted balance sheet account.



Dennis JOHNSON <dljohnson4159@gmail.com>

January 2023 LIFT Report

1 monthly meeting held in January. LIFT funds \$1353.77.

Church wide invite to fellowship at Organ Stop Pizza currently has 27 people signed up to attend. Event is on Jan. 29th, 2023.

LIFT is organizing their "SHARE THE LOVE" UNDIE SUNDAY event for Feb 12th-26th, 2023. We will be asking for donations of children's and women's socks and undergarments. These will be donated to the domestic violence shelter De Coleres of Phoenix. The same shelter we gifted for the Angel Tree.

The spring women's LIFT event is planned for March 11th, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Beck

ul and gail appeldorn <appeldop@hotmail.com>
 : Dennis JOHNSON <dljohnson4159@gmail.com>

Tue, Jan 17, 2023 at 2:49 PM

Unfortunately, the Compassion Ministry was involved with the funeral for Bob Bliss, and there have been several anniversaries of deaths this month.
 Gail Appeldorn

Sent from my iPad

> On Jan 17, 2023, at 2:46 PM, Dennis JOHNSON <dljohnson4159@gmail.com> wrote:

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[Quoted text hidden]

Matthew F <matthew@sothaz.com>
 To: Dennis JOHNSON <dljohnson4159@gmail.com>

Wed, Jan 18, 2023 at 12:56 PM

SOTH Council;

After making it through the busy Advent and Christmas season, 2023 is off to a great start. The Praise Teams and Choir have been practicing and leading worship each week. The Handbell Choir has been practicing for their part in next month's Hymn Festival.

My planning and preparation time has been spent working towards weekly worship, our March Worship & Praise Gathering, the Holy Week Cantata, and Holy Week/Easter services. My primary focus has been lining up all of the parts and materials for the Hymn Festival on February 5th that will involve the choir, handbells, brass quartet, timpani, narrators, organ and piano. The Hymn Festival will be the inaugural performance for SOTH's new set of timpani drums that were purchased with memorial funds given to the music program.

Thank you for your continued support.

Don Wirth <dandjwirth1@msn.com>

Mon, Jan 23, 2023 at 7:55 PM

To: Dennis Johnson <dljohnson4159@gmail.com>, Dennis & Sharon Johnson <dlsajohnson@cox.net>

Dennis,

Not a lot to report for Stephen Ministry for January. We had Supervision on January 3rd with our Stephen Ministers who had care receivers giving a check in report. We also discussed how we could better promote Stephen Ministry at SOTH. Possible temple talks and "What's Happening" inserts to better let our members what we as Stephen Minsters do. More of this will be discussed with Pastor Jeff and a plan worked out in the coming months. We did CE on January 17th with a great discussion on the study we are doing on a book by Dr. David Stoop "Forgiving What You'll Never Forget". That is all for this month. I have submitted a year end report for the Annual Meeting this coming Sunday. That is all for this month. Thanks for patience on your part in this very late report.

Peace,

Don

Property Report

Church Repairs

- The fire extinguishers were inspected in December 2022 and 13 failed because they were too old. We replaced all 13 that failed. When ADT came back to re-inspect the fire extinguishers in January 2023 they said the other 7 would be no good because it is now 2023. They are technically 1 year older. He said the inspection tag is still good till December. I told the inspector I would buy 7 more new ones now, so they are all the same age. He said that would be good and I can just put the new blue inspection tags from the old extinguishers on the new ones. All 20 are now new and hung on the walls.
- Replaced the PPP PO-500 Automatic Trap Primer Valve in the church men's room, it was constantly running. Now it only allows a little water each time a toilet flushes.
- The main back flow valve will be replaced and re-certified by the company that did the original inspection.
- The Youth room Northeast exit light is now working. Someone had disconnected a wire.
- All the exit light back-up batteries were tested. Five of the batteries were dead. Replaced 3 batteries but the other 2 are ordered. They were a different style then the others even though the lights looked the same.
- The air hockey table leg is now repaired. The plastic corners were busted out so new corners were made and installed.

The NFL will pay to have TIA School install a garden with a sprinkler system, but it must be started before the Superbowl. Lloyd and Dan met with Lisa to discuss where we can tap into the water line and where to wire the sprinkler controller. We also talked about a location and the style of fence to put around it. It will be in the area behind the playground and the basketball court.

5 Project Fund

The 5 Project Fund is now 100% funded at \$100,000. The carpeting will be ordered, and the company will be contacted to re-upholster the pews and chairs.

Roof Leaks

On Monday, January 23 Moon Valley Plumbing will be out to put a camera down the two North side drains on the overhang on the east side of the Sanctuary. There has been a leak there for some time and to date we can't find out where or what is leaking.

Two new leaks have been found in the Youth Room, maybe one leak dripping in two places.

Dura Foam Roofing will be out on Tuesday, January 24th to check out what is going on. While they are here they will also look at the Sanctuary roof between the parapets. No leaking but the tiles just don't look right.

Fellowship Hall Acoustical Panels

Should have an update soon and will let you know what I find about the ship date.

Respectfully submitted by
Daniel Beck

Financial Summary 12/31/2022

INCOME	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offerings	\$66,709	\$63,000	\$3,709
Total Income	\$73,177	\$69,320	\$3,857
Missions	\$6,671	\$6,300	\$371
Operating Income	\$66,506	\$63,020	\$3,486
EXPENSE	\$51,454	\$50,114	\$1,340
NET INCOME	\$15,052	-\$6,149	\$21,201
Income YTD	\$3,164	-\$28,248	\$31,412

Change in Book Value for Fidelity account

Loss on 2020-1 Gain	-\$91,248
Loss of actual money invested	-\$848
Total Change	-\$92,096

Stress Test

	Current	Previous
Current Assets	\$596,752	\$567,212
Minus Current Liabilities	\$382,863	\$364,498
Net	\$213,889	\$202,714
Expense per week	\$11,711	\$11,711
# of weeks	18.3	17.3

		Current	Previous	
Major Maintenance	12/31	\$9,741	\$33,758	
5 Project Fund	12/31	\$89,660	\$84,560	Now: \$100,000
Fidelity Investment	1/20	\$546,098	\$539,680	\$6,418

Verizon cell tower monthly payment changed to Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)

Amazon eliminating Amazon Smile 0.5% giving February 20,2023

Annual giving statements being e-mail for the 95% contributors with e-mail

Zelle for Wells set up. Giving Options card concept. Listing includes:

Offering plates at Exit, Zelle, Bill pay through your bank, and Simply Give