

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
TURLOCK, CALIFORNIA  
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
MAY 16, 2013, 7 PM

The meeting opened with devotions from Romans 8:35 by Jennifer DelaMotte, "God is Good, All the Time." Open discussion highlighted the benefits of attending church, including fellowship, Vacation Bible School, Youth program, servanthood.

The meeting was led by Jim Knapp, Council President.

- Minutes from the Congregational meetings of May 17, 2012 were approved as presented by Julia Bava

Bart Muller, GSLC Treasurer, addressed the group, outlining:

- Financial summary of 2012: budget shows current balances as follows:  
General Fund: (15,731.00)  
Capital Fund: 513,932.90  
Barnabas Fund: 148,566.53  
Memorial Fund: 19,794.97
- The Barnabus Endowment Fund earnings are used to fund scholarships and mission expenses.
- The Capital Fund is designated for large facility expenses; council has large discretionary power over its use

Pastor Youngdale shared our theme for next year: Being Present in our Community brings Awareness of God's Presence.

- Lori Smith announced her retirement from bookkeeping
- Louise Rickey is stepping down from the Fellowship Ministries.
- Lifetree Café may move to our parsonage/ Sunday School house – a new name may be Cooper House? LifeHouse?
- Valerie Stonebreaker is in need of a ride from the SFO airport Tuesday.

John Bailey presented the budget: We will still sustain a small deficit even though expenses have been cut.

- Troy's request about the Vacation Bible School budget as the program has grown substantially. (not likely)
- Property taxes will be paid from the Capital Fund.
- Rental income will be entered into the Capital Fund.

Brian Hyde proposed an Endowment Fund: allows donations into fund that blessings come from.

- Be transparent about what it's to be used for
- Talk with each individual personally
- Review your own estate plan, keep it current.
- Use this endowment fund to make a statement about your heart.

Congregation participation in Endowment: create "Transfer the Blessings" team-concept begins with leadership.

- Establish an endowment fund with a purpose in mind.
- Research the "transfer the blessings" concept.
- Define planning details
- Distribution left up to individual.
- Brian Hyde is available to consult with

Gil Bostwick presented a discussion of the Quincy property.

- Phasing the building project would begin with a sports field, preschool or daycare; final piece would be a sanctuary.
- Interested in swapping properties with an owner whose parcel is closer into the city limits due to high expenses related to developing a property outside of the Sphere of Influence.
- No mortgage remains on this property.

Togo Mission update: Valerie Stonebreaker returning home next week for a few months.

- Mountain Movers mission management didn't work, so we are directing her mission at GSLC.
- Valerie is working in a depressed area lacking hope and a future
- Needs prayer and financial support.

Ministry groups met together to discuss related questions. Answers were written and submitted together. Results will be shared with leadership groups.

Pastor closed the meeting in prayer.

The Doxology was sung to close the meeting.