

Shepard of the Valley Council Minutes  
October 20, 2020

Present: Sherry Scheider, Pastor Scott Benolkin, Pearl Fortman, Rhoda Fox, Bob Tukker, Barbara Pearson, Karen Dolan, Brian Carpenter, Julie Johnson, LaVon Downing, and Phil Smalley.

Absent: Steve Larsen, Justin Abel and Dave Musser.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Sherry Scheider. Pastor opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Bob Tukker made a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting, Pastor seconded and the motion carried.

Pastor's Report: The Pastor is feeling dismayed and frustrated with the Covid virus not being under control, with things being at a stand still. Pastor Scott will be taking another staycation in a couple of weeks. He will be volunteering at a polling place for the upcoming election. Ralm held it's annual meeting October 4th, 2020 at 3:00 P.M. Shepherd of the Valley Church had a good representation at the meeting. Barb thought the idea of a community garden at the church to help feed the neighborhood was a good idea and something we as a church should consider. Pastor Scott thought it would be a good idea to showcase our memory garden in the Ralm videos.

Old Business:

- 1). Barb Pearson will be the contact person for the upcoming election.
  
- 2). Judi's Retirement: We will be reaching out to the congregation for cards and money, if you so choose, to show her appreciation for the years of service to our Church.
  
- 3). Preschool signs: There was a discussion of what to do with the preschool signs. Several ideas were suggested such as refacing the signs or taking them down. Pastor will discuss the different ideas with Dave Musser and get his feedback.

New Business:

- 1). Approval of Pastor Scott's Benefit Package; Barb made a motion to approve the Benefit Package, Rhoda seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
  
- 2). Website Update: After doing research and dealing with the Astute Web Group on a professional level himself, Phil made a motion to go with the Astute Web Group to update our website for \$1000 and host our site for free. Rhoda seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

3). New finance program: Held over to next month.

Committee Reports:

1). Property Committee: Bob will be updating our sign out front to invite people to join our weekly zoom church service. It was brought to our attention that a steeple light would be nice to have, the property committee has had this on the to do wlist for some time and will check into getting a light for the steeple.

2). Finance Committee: The report was electronically sent. Any questions, please contact Phil. The parking lot was paid for by the preschool rollover, no memorial fund money was used. The Church is still doing okay even though we have some shortages due to deaths and covid related issues.

3). Personnel Committee: There will be a meeting October 28th at 7:00 P.M. to discuss hiring a new secretary.

There was a discussion on how to do the annual meeting this coming January if we are still closed due to the covid virus and whether voting can be done via zoom. This is something we need to look into.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. Pastor Scott closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lavon Downing