

Shepherd of the Valley Council Minutes
February 16, 2021 via zoom

Present: Pastor Scott Benolkin, Sherry Scheider, Phil Smalley, Carolyn Ciaccio, Bob Tukker, Dave Musser, Gina Fiorenza,, Brian Carpenter, Barbara Pearson, Steve Larsen, Julie Johnson, Karen Dolan, Rhoda Fox, Pearl Fortman and LaVon Downing.

Absent: none

The meeting was called to order by President Sherry Scheider at 7:06 P.M.
Pastor opened with devotions from Job and prayer.

Bob made a motion to approve the January minutes, Steve seconded. The motion carried.

Karen made a motion to approve the corrected minutes of the Annual Meeting, Pastor seconded. The motion carried.

Election of new officers:

Pastor nominated Julie Johnson for President. Phil made a motion to close the nomination, Rhoda seconded. The motion carried.

Pastor nominated Karen Dolan for Vice President. Bob made a motion to close the nomination, Steve seconded. The motion carried.

Pastor nominated LaVon Downing for secretary. Barbara made a motion to close the nomination, Steve seconded. The motion carried.

Phil Smalley was affirmed to retain the position of Treasurer.

The above were voted as the new officers for the year 2021.

Pastor's Report: Lent begins tomorrow on Ash Wednesday February 17,2021 on the Covenant of Baptism. Service will be at 7:00 P.M. via zoom.
Hopefully as the weather warms Pastor hopes we can start having communion outside.

Old Business:

Secretary Search: the possibility of job sharing the secretary duties with the United Methodist church who is also in need of a secretary was brought to the council's attention. The putting of the secretary search on hold for the time being, due to the Pandemic and budgetary concerns was another option. After a lengthy discussion, Pastor made a motion to pause the search for a secretary at this time, Rhoda seconded. The motion passed.

New Business:

Recognition of our preschool school teacher Patti Wiese, and celebration of the preschool legacy is still to be decided.

Congregational Resourcing Event will be held March 13, 2021 via zoom .

Rhoda brought up the fact that Phil has been doing a portion of the social media that the secretary would normally be doing and wondered if reimbursement should be considered. The Personnel committee will review the job description for the secretary and make a recommendation. A Big Thank You to Bob and Kris Tukker and all involved in making and distributing the care packages that went out to our home bound members.

Committee Reports:

Worship and Music was electronically submitted.

Property Committee has no meeting scheduled but have lost 2 members of the committee and are looking for new volunteers to help.

Finance Committee: Phil presented the report which was electronically submitted.

Liaisons for the committees will be discussed next meeting. Updating of our constitution and committees will also need to be done. Rhoda volunteered to be part of that committee.

Dave made a motion to adjourn, Bob seconded. Meeting was adjourned and Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
LaVon Downing