

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

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

Absent: none

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by President Julie Johnson.  
Pastor opened with devotions and prayer.

The February minutes had a correction of the United Lutheran Church and not United Methodist Church. Steve made a motion to accept the corrected minutes, Pastor seconded. The motion carried.

Pastor's report: A letter will be going out this week to the congregation inviting us to receive the Service of Communion on Wednesdays at 5P.M. The congregation will be divided into 4 groups with 1 group receiving the sacrament each Wednesday respectively. The site proposed to hold the service will be the parking lot. These services would begin on April 7th. Pastor is also prepared to order the communion supplies needed to make this service possible. If it rains on Wednesday, the service will be held on Thursday. Pastor made a motion to begin this brief Order of Holy Communion on Wednesday April 7th at 5 P.M. The motion was approved. We can have up to 50 at a gathering.

Old Business:

- A. The Congregational Resourcing Event was held March 13, 2021 via zoom. The event was attended by approximately 100 attendees, and was reported to be an excellent event that was well prepared and organized.
- B. The recognition for Patti Wiese will be tabled until we can meet in person again at church.
- C. Search for a church secretary is on hold for now.

New Business:

- A. Council liaisons for committees were decided.

Worship and Music: Carolyn Ciaccio

Outreach: Dave Musser

Social Ministry: LaVon Downing

Fellowship: Karen Dolan

Christian Ed.: Julie Johnson

Youth Ministry: Rhoda Fox

Personnel: Pearl Fortman

Finance/Stewardship: Bob Tukker, Barb Pearson

Property: Steve Larsen

Coffee connect/ Bible Study: Carolyn Ciaccio

- B. Northern Illinois Synod will be doing a zoom retreat for the youth the end of April.
- C. Phil asked for approval to purchase the use of zoom on a yearly basis for \$149.99 instead of monthly for a 20% savings. Phil made a motion to purchase zoom for the year, Rhoda seconded. The motion carried. Phil also asked for approval to research the cost of purchasing a web cam, large screen, a zoom camera and necessary accessories to make it possible to use zoom to offer our live services to our shut- in members once we go back to in person services. Rhoda made motion for Phil to start researching the cost of the necessary equipment, Pastor seconded. The motion carried.

The church building will be used as a polling place for the election to be held on April 6,2021.  
Pastor will be the liaison.

Committee Reports:

- A. Finance Report electronically submitted.
- B. Worship and Music report was electronically submitted.

Barb made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bob seconded. The motion carried.

Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted:  
LaVon Downing