

Shepherd of the Valley Council Minutes
May 18, 2021 vi zoom

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

Absently: Carolyn Ciaccio and Gina Fiorenza.

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Johnson at 7:00 P.M.
Pastor Scott opened with devotions and prayer.

Bob made a motion to approve the April minutes as recorded, Steve seconded. The motion carried.

Pastor's Report: We had 53 in attendance and 11 via zoom at our first in-person worship service in 14 months this past Sunday. Pastor gave a big thank you to Carolyn Ciaccio for heading up the committee to make this happen and also a big thank you to Bob Tukker for heading up and implementing the work of the ushers who did a wonderful job.

Old Business:

- A. In-person worship: A lengthy discussion was had regarding the wearing of face masks. It would be great to know if people are vaccinated. This will be noted on the attendance sheet each week, as of now 35 have been vaccinated that we know of. Pastor made a motion to follow the CDC guidelines which requires unvaccinated people to wear the face masks and vaccinated people (for at least two weeks), to wear a mask at their discretion. Bob seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- B. Technology update: An audio box was purchased for \$99.95. The future purchase of a camera will be decided after getting more feedback. Positive feedback was received by those using zoom that the wide angle was good.
- C. Preschool sign: Mary has been working on the painting which will be used to create the sign. She hopes to have it finished in 2 weeks and display at the church for approval.

New Business:

- A. Connect zoom worshippers with communion: Pastor made a motion to approve coordinating communion buddies to get communion to those attending via zoom to receive communion right after service. This would require volunteers attending worship to take it to those not able to attend in person. Pearl seconded. The motion carried.
- B. The church connecting to the community: there were several ideas brought forth.
 - a. Possibly having the 4 churches at our corner doing 1 large event for the community.
 - b. Hosting a Game day for the community.
 - c. Hosting a Block party for the community.
 - d. Do an ice cream truck event at the church.

We will discuss this further in a future meeting.

Committee Reports:

Worship and Music: electronically submitted.

Finance: electronically submitted. We are running under budget for income and expenses due to not having a secretary.

Social Ministry: Kris Tukker has mentioned she would like to back off on some of her involvement with the committee. She has done a wonderful job.

Property Committee: Bob made a motion that the council approve the expenditure of \$1500 for replacing the concrete at the 2 entrances on the south side of the building and redirecting the eve spouts to prevent erosion of the soil near the entrances. Phil seconded. The motion carried. The Finance Committee recommended using the dormant rummage sale fund to cover the cost. Council agreed.

The faucet and toilet have been repaired and replaced in the 2 ladies restrooms. They are still working to obtain the flood light for the cross. The mowing schedule is finished and lawn mowing has begun.

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

Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Lavon Downing