

Shepherd of the Valley Council Minutes
July 20, 2021 via zoom

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

Absent: Barb Pearson.

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

Julie made a motion to add an amendment to the agenda to add "in-person" council meetings in the future. Steve seconded. Pastor made a motion to add an amendment to add other church groups to start meeting in-person. Bob seconded. Phil made a motion for an amendment to have an open discussion on any other topic. Bob seconded. All motions carried. Pastor made a motion to move the next council meeting to the 17th of August instead of the 18th as stated on the agenda. Karen seconded. The motion carried.

Bob made a motion to accept the June Council minutes as written. Julie seconded. The motion carried.

Pastor's report was received electronically.

Old Business:

Sunday morning refreshments and music have resumed and are going well. The need to assign Deacon of the Month from August through February was necessary. Those duties will be to clean up after coffee time, take out the recycling when necessary, and lock the doors.

August: Brian Carpenter

September: Karen Dolan

October: Julie Johnson

November: Carolyn Ciaccio

December: Steve Larsen

January: LaVon Downing

February: Rhoda Fox

New Business:

- A. Workman's comp insurance renewal was due on June 15th. Phil noted the minimum charge was \$1500 for coverage of \$1000. After getting approval from the executive committee, Phil made a change to another insurance company for a savings of \$500. Rhoda made a motion to approve the change, Bob seconded. The motion carried. Phil also made a motion to pursue a discount for the Building and Liability insurance. Pastor seconded. The motion carried.
- B. Preschool sign needed approval for the artwork Mary created. Julie made a motion to approve the artwork, LaVon seconded. The motion carried. Pastor made a motion for council to give official thanks to Mary for her work, Phil seconded. The motion carried.
- C. The Food truck: Laundry Love will be having an ice cream truck at the laundromat on August 18th at 5:00 P.M. to celebrate their 5th year anniversary. Fliers will be posted at the church and the message will be going out on the website. August 29th was

discussed as the date for an ice cream truck to come to our church parking lot for a neighborhood gathering and Sunday school rally. After a lengthy discussion, Julie made a motion to table this event until next summer when we can make it a multi church event. Rhoda seconded. The motion carried. We will encourage our members to attend the Laundry Love event.

- D. In-person meetings: Pastor made a motion to allow church groups to use our building in accordance with the public health department's guidelines. Rhoda seconded. The motion carried. Rhoda made a motion to allow council to meet in person and on zoom starting next month. Gina seconded. The motion carried. Carolyn made a motion to open the library after Labor Day, Pastor seconded. The motion carried.
- E. Phil made a motion to purchase the necessary equipment for the church to facilitate our zoom gatherings. A laptop will need to be purchased and a camera may also be necessary in the future. Rhoda made an amendment to the motion for Phil to send out a request via email to the council for approval of the purchase of a laptop after he researches the cost. Pastor seconded. The motion carried.

Committee reports:

Property: The light for the cross has been installed. Windows and a new roof for the sanctuary were discussed. The committee is in the process of getting bids for a new roof.

Worship and Music: electronically submitted. Sherry checked in to alter flowers. The price remains at \$30. This will be addressed at the next worship and music meeting. Pastor made a motion to upgrade our Sundays in Season website account to \$90/year to allow digital hymns. Julie seconded; the motion carried.

Finance: Half year analysis was done by Phil. C&B had 56 pledges, 12 are behind. Hopefully 2 \$4000 gifts will come in the last quarter. Phil projects C&B income to be pretty close to budget assuming the non-pledged giving comes in as expected. Some expenses from C&B have been more than expected. Building and Liability insurance has gone up. We should have about \$16,000 savings with no secretary or nursery attendant. Phil expects us to have around a \$15,000 loss instead of \$34,000 for year's end.

Building fund had 27 pledges, 10 are behind. We may finish behind on Building since some members are switching their giving to C&B.

Pastor made a motion to invite the sewing group back, Rhoda seconded. The motion carried. Rhoda made a motion to officially thank the property committee for all their work and thanked the members who came for the workday. Pastor seconded; the motion carried.

Julie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bob seconded. The motion carried. Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lavon Downing