

Shepherd of the Valley Council Minutes
August 17th, 2021 via zoom

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

Absent: Phil Smalley.

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

Karen made a motion to accept the July minutes as written, Julie seconded. The motion carried.

Pastor report was electronically submitted.

Old Business:

- A. Workmans Comp. insurance was transferred to another company as previously approved.
- B. Laundry Love event will be held on Wednesday August 18th at 5:00 p.m.at the laundromat on Brooke Road. Volunteers are still needed.
- C. Preschool sign has been replaced by the property committee and looks great. A big thank you goes to Mary Larsen for her artwork.
- D. In-person meetings are now back to zoom due to high influx of covid cases.

New Business:

- A. Preschool space and supplies. Patti thought maybe the supplies could be sold or donated to another preschool. Bob suggested maybe the space could be used by the boy scouts. Pastor voiced the need to get an inventory of what is available and reach out to other church preschools to see if they could use the supplies. Julie made a motion that she would contact Patti and set up a time to do the inventory. Pastor seconded, the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- A. Worship and Music: electronically submitted. Pastor summed up the meeting with a few comments. The sub was unable to make it for service while Pastor was on vacation. He thanked Deaconess Cheryl and Sherry Scheider for carrying on the service. Linda Longardner had cataract surgery. She coordinated with Susie to record the music ahead of time for worship. Masks are required again for worship due to influx of covid. A petition was placed for those people who would like to have altar flowers again. Liz Beale will head up this project.

- B. Property: The preschool sign was put up. There was storm damage done to the roof of the sanctuary and Moline Hall. The insurance company will be able to pay for a good portion of the cost for a new roof for these areas. They are in the process of getting bids for the job. The battery for the defibrillator is dead. The cost of a new battery is \$117. Steve made a motion to purchase the battery, Rhoda seconded. The motion carried. The non functioning outside light bulbs were replaced, the cross light is up and functioning. Steve contacted the alderman for the church's location regarding the safety hazard at east side culvert. The city will follow up with a solution.
- C. Outreach: Dave stated that RALM made a request to use our building for their annual meeting on October 2,2021 at 2p.m. Pastor made a motion to make our building available to RALM , Steve seconded. The motion carried. There was a good response from our members to provide a goulash meal for Rock House kids on August 30th.
- D. Finance: electronically submitted. Pastor summed up the report, we are slightly ahead of budget due to extra offerings. There will be a need for more discussions in the next few months regarding the budget and the future of our church. What is our vision for who we can be and where do we go next. Barbara brought up the need to get the congregation involved for ideas to improve the life of our church. We need to focus on a mission. This will be discussed at the next meeting after people have had some time to think about ideas.

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded. The motion carried.
Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
LaVon Downing