

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

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

Absent: none

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

Bob made a motion to approve the October minutes as written, Steve seconded. The motion carried.

Pastor's report was electronically submitted. He reported that Pastor and Dave were looking into a program called Rejoicing Spirits which is a way to connect with people who aren't currently attending church.

Old Business: none

New Business: Preschool- Julie met with Scott Dabson, the director/principal at Alpine Academy and Alpine Lutheran Church's Council President. Scott and his wife came and looked at the preschool school supplies and is interested in most of the items which can immediately be put to use. They would like to come Saturday Nov. 20th to pick the items up. Bob made a motion to let the refrigerator and file cabinets also go to Alpine Lutheran, Phil seconded. The motion carried. Alpine would also like to donate to our church for these items.

Julie made a motion to donate approximately 150 books to Summerdale public school, Rhoda seconded, and the motion carried. The sewing group which Sarah Fiorenza is involved with was asked to make 30 cloth book bags which will be filled with 5 books and a stuffed animal as part of the holiday giving to Summerdale School. Council approved.

Julie brought up the different ministries in which we have collaborated with Alpine Lutheran Church in the past and to think of ideas how we can expand that collaboration such as Christmas Programs and concerts etc. This will be discussed later.

Committee Reports:

1. Worship and Music: electronically submitted. Thanksgiving eve service will be at 7:00 P.M. on November 24th via zoom.
2. Property: Snow removal for the winter has been set up, the bushes were trimmed and the drainage issue on the East side of the property has been addressed. The county will be fixing that issue for us at no charge to the church. The roof issue is still in the works. The insurance company and contractor are still trying to come to a solution.

3. Outreach: a collection is going on for socks and underwear for Carly's Place and monetary donations are being accepted for pizza for Rock House Kids. The Giving Tree is going up this week and the gifts are due at church no later than December 5th for children at Summerdale School.
4. Finance: electronically submitted. Pledge cards were sent out and need to be back by December 5th so the budget can be done. Phil suggested to pause the sabbatical fund for this next year as we will have \$7,200 in the fund to carry us through the next year. Rhoda made a motion to pause the fund for the year 2022, Phil seconded. The motion carried. The finance committee recommended the hourly staff be given a onetime bonus instead of an hourly raise. They suggested Pastor be given 3% raise for the year 2022.
5. Altar guild questioned do we buy another 3-month supply of the prepared chalices for communion. Pastor made a motion to wait if possible to order so we're not left with a surplus in case the mask mandates change. The cost for 3 months is \$305. Rhoda seconded. The motion carried.

LaVon made a motion to adjourn, Rhoda seconded. The motion carried.  
Pastor closed with prayer. The next meeting will be December 21st, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:  
LaVon Downing