

Shepherd of the Valley Council Minutes  
December 21, 2021 via zoom

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

Absent: Gina Fiorenza and Dave Musser.

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

Pearl Fortman made a motion to accept the November minutes as written, Steve Larsen seconded. The motion carried.

Pastor's report was electronically submitted. Pastor made a motion to designate \$18,478 for his housing allowance for the year 2022. Rhoda seconded, the motion carried.

Old Business:

Preschool space: there are still a few items that are left but too good to discard. Julie made a motion to offer these items to our congregants to be picked up if anyone could use them. Pastor seconded, the motion carried.

New Business:

Alpine church voices a desire to collaborate ministries with us. It was discussed to form a committee with both churches involved. This will be discussed further at a later date.

Committee Reports:

Worship and Music was electronically submitted. Christmas Eve service will be live and via zoom at 5 P.M.

Library: not being used much at this point. Books have been placed in the narthex for people to check out if interested. Food for thought- moving the library to the preschool space making it more accessible and easier to block from the rest of the church. We're hoping to explore ways to use this space to reach out to the community.

Living Vine Bible study was on Monday the 20th.

Property: Insurance company and contractor still have not come to a decision on the roof. Solar lights are going to be placed outside to illuminate our sign thanks to Steve and Mary Larsen.

Finance: As of November we are ahead of the proposed 2021 budget.

The budget for 2022 was projected with not many adjustments from last year. We have had 36 pledges received. The final budget will be presented next month after end of the year is complete and more pledges have come in. We are in need of a 3rd auditor. Rhoda Fox volunteered. Pastor made a motion to name Rhoda as the 3rd auditor, Julie seconded. The motion carried. Rhoda made a motion to move the January Council meeting back a week if necessary to complete the budget. Steve seconded. Rhoda made an amendment to move the

council meeting to January 25th, Steve seconded. The amendment carried. Rhoda made a motion to remove the original motion. Pastor seconded, the motion carried.

The annual meeting will be held on January 30,2022. Pastor made a motion to conduct the meeting via zoom and begin the meeting at 11:00 A.M. Rhoda seconded. The motion carried. Reports for the annual meeting need to be sent to Pastor or Phil preferably by January 9th but no later the 17th.

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

Respectfully Submitted:  
LaVon Downing