

Shepherd of the Valley Council Minutes

February 22, 2022 via zoom

Present: Julie Johnson, David Musser, Phil Smalley, Pastor Benolkin, Karen Dolan, Carolyn Ciaccio, Brian Carpenter, Rhoda Fox, Barbara Pearson, Steve Larsen and Pearl Fortman

Absent: Bob Tukker, Gina Fiorenza

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

Guest speaker: Scott Dabson member of Alpine Church, Director of Alpine Academy, President of the church council and Chairperson of the property committee.

Collaboration of ministries with Alpine Church. He shared with us his thoughts to grow our churches by joining together in ministries and events. Perhaps create a task force to work through some of the strengths both Churches have and how to further grow those strengths together. Also mentioned, Alpine Fest – can we help support this event this year? Another suggestion was Kindergarten readiness – our communities may be in need for this type of support.

Steve made a motion to approve minutes from January as written. Seconded by Pastor. The motion carried.

Pastor's report was electronically submitted.

Old business:

- A. CDC may be making changes to the mask requirements. We will discuss further under new business.

New business:

- A. Election of officers to the council: President Julie Johnson nominated by Karen. Phil made the motion to close the nominations for President. Seconded by Steve. Motion carried. Vice President: Karen Dolan was nominated by Julie, Seconded by Phil. Motion carried. Secretary: Barbara Pearson nominated by Steve, Seconded by Julie. Motion carried. Treasurer: Phil Smalley nominated by Pastor. Seconded by Barbara.
- B. Poll ballots were sent and the nominations were accepted as presented.
- C. More discussion on the collaboration of ministries to occur at next council meeting.
- D. Motion made to continue to follow the guidance of the CDC as it pertains to masking and unmasking for Church activities. Motion carried.

Committee reports:

- A. Worship and Music: electronically submitted. Carolyn shared some highlights of the meeting: article in Living Lutheran, home communion participation status, ash Wednesday, lent services will be on zoom and a new devotional book available "Grace Unbounded". Can be found on the table where Christ in our Home is.
- B. Property: lights are working on the new sign. Ongoing roof issue, city was out, insurance company was out they also want an additional bid besides Baney. We're moving along, slowly but moving in the right direction. Will have more information from the insurance company at next council.
- C. Outreach: Rock House Kids doing a cereal drive. You can participate through Realm with an Amazon purchase. The bulletin insert on Sunday will have more information. Excited to work with Alpine Church in collaboration!
- D. Finance: reports submitted electronically. Committee discussed doing some cleanup of the holding accounts and passing them to ministries they belong to and getting them to be utilized. Phil pointed out if you compared January to January, you'll see a dip because an annual pledge for January did not come in but will come in March.

We need to talk about the Constitution and get it up to some changes in aligned with the Synod. The idea to change a Youth member of council to a Young Adult member was one.

Selection made for Deacons of the month: March: Steve
 April: Carolyn
 May: Julie
 June: Brian
 July: Karen
 August: Barb
 September: Dave
 October: Rhoda
 November: Bob
 December:
 January:
 February:

Motion to adjourn by Dave, Seconded by Steve. Motion carried.

Pastor closed with prayer.

Next meeting: March 15, 2022

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Pearson