

# Shepherd of the Valley Council Minutes

January 17, 2023 met in person

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

Absent members: Pearl Fortman, David Musser

1. The meeting was called to order by Julie at 7:00 pm.
2. Pastor opened with devotions and prayer.
3. Steve made a motion to accept the December minutes and special meeting minutes with corrections and was seconded by Phil. The motion carried.
4. Pastor's report was electronically submitted. Any day now we may have a new organist. New budget and annual congregational meeting in two weeks.  
On Pastors calendar:     1/17 Funeral of Christopher John Persaud  
                                  1/22-25 Continuing Ed.: 2023 Crossings Conference  
                                  1/22 Interfaith Garden luncheon  
                                  1/29 Annual Meeting after worship  
                                  2/19 RALM Annual Meeting at SVLC
5. Old business:
  - a. Interfaith Garden: Luncheon meal is planned: Lasagna, 2 types, meat and vegetable, garden salad, fruit and cheese tray, bread and dessert. Rhoda's father wants to pay for the luncheon because as a farmer, he believes in this idea and wants to see it succeed. Mary and Steve to contribute beverages, i.e., water, creamer, juice, lemonade and desserts. Still a few questions about the garden that will be discussed after the luncheon.
  - b. Deacons for next year: March = Steve, April = Barb, May = Julie, June = Brian.
6. New business:
  - a. Endowment fund: Committee of 5 elected or volunteered plus Pastor, Church Treasurer and Council President shall oversee the fund. Volunteers, Janette Ericson, John Wolf and Brian Carpenter.
7. Committee reports:
  - a. Outreach: no report.
  - b. Property: Overhead lights in west entrance have been cleaned and bulbs replaced. Ordering a timer switch for these lights. Anita and Steve have found some new cleaning products for the sinks and toilets, work great! Furnace for the library and hallway has been repaired.

c. Worship & Music: submitted electronically. Simple Suppers to begin after 2/22/23.  
Organ repair date TBD.

d. Finance: reports submitted electronically. Janette to present at annual meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Steve seconded by Karen. Motion carried. Pastor closed with prayer.

Next meeting will be in person at the church: February 21, 2023 at 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Pearson