

Shepherd of the Valley Council Minutes

February 21, 2023 met in person

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

Absent members: Bob Tukker, Julie Johnson, Carolyn Ciaccio, Pearl Fortman, David Musser

1. The meeting was called to order by Karen at 7:00 pm.
2. Pastor opened with devotions and prayer.
3. Steve made a motion to accept the January 17th Council minutes and SVLC Annual meeting minutes with corrections and was seconded by Karen. The motion carried.
4. Pastor's report was electronically submitted.
On Pastors calendar: 2/22 7:00pm Ash Wednesday
3/4 NIS Congregational Resourcing Event
5. Old business:
Endowment fund committee members: Pastor, Treasurer, Council President, and 5 elected members. John Wolf and Brian Carpenter, 3-year term, Janette Erickson and Cheryl Erdmann, 2-year term and Dennis Scheider, 1-year term.
6. New business:
 - a. Election to be held in April 4th, contact person will be the Pastor, Steve to open the doors on 4/4. Barb to marshal the moving of the tables on 4/2 after church. Elections in 2024 are to be planned when we get closer to those dates, March 19th and November 5th.
 - b. Election of council officers: President – Steve Larsen, Vice-President – Julie Johnson, Treasurer – Phil Smalley, Secretary – Barb Pearson
 - c. Deacon listed on a separate sheet. Still openings for August and October 2023, also February 2024.
 - d. Interfaith garden: Creekwood has offered their property to be used for planting. They will be sharing their rules and plans with us when complied. They are not applying for a grant like we are.
7. Committee reports:
 - a. Outreach: Interfaith Garden, see above in new business.
 - b. Property: Moline Hall thermostat was replaced, at no charge to the church, thanks to Phil. Light switch and timer for the outside lights at West entrance, installed. Trash removal has been changed from Rockford Refuge to Waste Management.

c. Worship & Music: submitted electronically. Communion at the rail to begin Ash Wednesday. Butterflies will be hung again this year, before Easter on Saturday 4/8. Tulips for sale.

d. Finance: reports submitted electronically. Envelopes have been very good. Income good so far. Expenses nothing alarming. And the trash change will bring a savings. Utilities: gas is going from 1.11 a therm to .69 a therm.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Pearson