

## Shepherd of the Valley Council Minutes

April 18, 2023 met in person

Present: Pastor Benolkin, Brian Carpenter, Steve Larsen, Phil Smalley, Carolyn Ciaccio, Pearl Fortman, David Musser, Karen Dolan, Rhoda Fox, and Barbara Pearson. Bob Tukker was with us via Zoom.

Absent members: Julie Johnson

1. The meeting was called to order by Steve at 7:00 pm.
2. Pastor opened with devotions and prayer.
3. Karen made a motion to accept the March 21st Council minutes, with corrections and was seconded by Rhoda. The motion carried.
4. Pastor's report was electronically submitted.  
On Pastors calendar: 4/17-19 Continuing Ed. Inst. Of Liturgical Studies  
5/25 North Conference annual meeting
5. Old business:
  - a. Filling of Deacon Openings for August, October & February 2024.  
Barbara took August, Pearl took October. Still need one for February.
  - b. Endowment fund committee members need to schedule a meeting.
  - c. Election April 4<sup>th</sup>, went very well.
6. New business:
  - a. WELCA Ecumenical breakfast October 14<sup>th</sup> at SVLC. Meeting in May with Shenna Williams to further discuss more details of the breakfast.
  - b. Need to find a replacement on the Synod Assembly. A motion was made by Rhoda to nominate Dave Musser to opening and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil. Motion carried.
  - c. Mailbox labeling – Phil to will compile the committee names.
  - d. ERTC program being researched by Phil for financial reimbursement eligibility. Motion by Rhoda for him to proceed was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb. Motion carried.
  - e. ELCA Youth Group traveling from North Dakota will sleepover 1 night each way during their trip. The nights will be 6/5 and 6/14.
  - f. Sanctuary lighting analysis and cost savings – Proposal coming from City Electric to correct issue with wrong bulbs, running hot and change to LED lights. Expect proposal around May 2nd

7. Committee reports:

- a. Outreach: a. Interfaith Garden - List of things still need was shared. Starting to make the raised beds 5/4/23. RALM is working on after school care at the YMCA. Pastor is working with individuals to provide home communion for our parishioners.
- b. Property: Workday in June is being planned. Tree in the West side of the parking lot will be trimmed not remove. Lawn mowing has 2 schedules compiled for the two sizes of mowers we use. Support bars have been installed in the ladies' bathrooms.
- c. Worship & Music: submitted electronically on April 4<sup>th</sup>. As always, this committee is very busy as you can see by the report, which is posted on the kiosk outside Moline Hall or on the SVLC website.
- d. Finance: reports submitted electronically by Phil and were reviewed by the council. On the Church side, Envelope giving is under budget and loose offerings are above budget. And on the building side, we are under budget but annual gift giving comes later in the year and should balance things out.

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

Next meeting will be in person on: May 16, 2023 at 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Pearson