

Shepherd of the Valley Council Minutes

May 16, 2023 met in person

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

Absent members: Pearl Fortman

1. The meeting was called to order by Steve at 7:00 pm.
2. Pastor opened with devotions and prayer.
3. Bob made a motion to accept the April 18th Council minutes, with corrections and was seconded by Karen. The motion carried.
4. Pastor's report was electronically submitted.
On Pastors calendar: 5/25 North Conference annual meeting
6/16-17 Northern Illinois Synod Assembly
5. Old business:
 - a. Filling of Deacon Openings, still need one for February 2024.
 - b. Endowment fund committee members scheduled to meet 5/21.
 - c. Update on Employee Retention Tax Credit. Phil – letter of engagement from accountant.
 - d. Sanctuary lighting analysis meeting w/Property committee. Looking into refurbish vs replacement due to cost.
 - e. ELCA Congregation Youth group from North Dakota – only need one night to stay 6/14/23.
6. New business:
 - a. WELCA Ecumenical breakfast October 14th 9am-11am, at SVLC. Shamika Williams is the director. We are informed that K-Fact is totally reliant on donations to support the girls. Gift baskets to raffle will help with raising donations. More information as we get closer.
7. Committee reports:
Outreach:
 - a. RALM check web . 6/3 12 pm Pride parade.
 - b. Laundry Love is having ice cream on 7/19 by Grampa Sweet Treats.
 - c. Truck or Treat on 10/28 needs someone to head this up as Dave will be out of town.

- d. Rock House Kids need paper products & candy. Carloyn will have a table setup for donations after Sunday services.

Property:

- a. Workday in June is being planned for 6/10.
- b. Flag pole rope being fixed.
- c. Burned out bulbs to be replaced

Worship & Music:

- a. Meeting held 5/2. Orga repair requires a part that is in China.

Finance: reports submitted electronically by Phil and were reviewed. Under budget on both the church and building side but the annual gift giving comes later in the year and should balance things out.

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

Next meeting will be in person on: June 20, 2023 at 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Pearson