

# Shepherd of the Valley Council Minutes

June 20, 2023 met in person

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

Absent members: Pearl Fortman, Julie Johnson, Rhoda Fox & Carolyn Ciaccio

1. The meeting was called to order by Steve at 7:00 pm.
2. Pastor opened with devotions and prayer.
3. Pastor made a motion to accept the May 16th Council minutes, with corrections and was seconded by Bob. The motion carried.
4. Pastor made the announcement that he was leaving as of the 24<sup>th</sup> of July and his last Sunday service was to be on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July.
5. Old business:
  - a. Filling of Deacon Openings, still need one for February 2024.
  - b. Endowment fund committee members update. The fund would be put under the church tax ID.
  - c. Update on Employee Retention Tax Credit. Phil – letter of engagement has been signed. Potential return for 2020 and 2021 will be about 24K. Phil will inform us as soon as he knows.
  - d. Sanctuary lighting analysis will take 2 more months before a decision – 3 companies are quoting us.
  - e. ELCA Congregation Youth group from North Dakota – went very well for all.
  - f. Property workday was a success!
  - g. WELCA Ecumenical breakfast October 14<sup>th</sup> 9am-11am, at SVLC.
6. New business:
  - a. SOV Representative for Rockford Lutheran Annual Meeting – Mary Alice was nominated by Pastor and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob.
7. Committee reports:

Outreach:

  - a. Alpine Lutheran picnic planned for 6/24. Ice cream social – 7/29/23. And Alpine Feast is scheduled for 8/20/23 – 2 - 5 pm.
  - b. RALM cookout scheduled for 7/29/23 in the court yard SVLC.

- c. Laundry Love is having ice cream on 7/19 by Grampa Sweet Treats.
- d. Truck or Treat on 10/28/23 – need someone to head this up as Dave will be out of town.

Property:

- a. Flag pole rope was fixed.
- b. Burned out bulbs replaced.

Worship & Music:

- a. Piano needs a new lamp for \$200.
- b. A Congo drum has been requested for \$300.

A motion was made by Pastor to approve the purchase of the above two items and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil. Motion carried.

Finance:

Reports submitted electronically by Phil and were reviewed. Envelopes were under budget but loose offerings were over budget. New visitors are the main reason for that increase.

Motion to adjourn by Steve and seconded by Dave. Motion carried.

Pastor closed with prayer.

Next meeting will be in person on: July 18, 2023 at 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Pearson