

# Shepherd of the Valley Council Minutes

August 15, 2023 met in person

Present: Brian Carpenter, Steve Larsen, Bob Tukker, David Musser on Zoom, Pearl Fortman, Rhoda Fox, Carolyn Ciaccio, Phil Smalley, Cheryl Erdmann, Karen Dolan, Julie Johnson and Barbara Pearson.

Guest on Zoom: Rev. Jen Beamsley

The meeting was called to order by Steve at 7:00 pm.

1. Deacon Cheryl opened with prayer.
2. Bob made a motion to accept the July 18th Council minutes. It was seconded by Brian. The motion carried.
3. Letter of agreement from the ELCA to go ahead with the plan for Deacon Cheryl as interim Minister was reviewed and approved. Questions about Deacon Cheryl's duties and those of an interim Pastor were clarified. Possible boundaries that might arise between the new Pastor and Deacon Cheryl was broached but all felt that very unlikely. The Synod is convinced that Deacon Cheryl understands her boundaries and can keep them.
4. Next steps: select a 7-person call committee that will define who we are, what our gifts are, what we are excited about, etc. Appointment to be made before October 2<sup>nd</sup> so the committee can meet on Zoom with Rev. Jen to go over the call process and how to proceed. Think about time commitments, youth members, diversified individuals when creating the call committee.
5. Old business:
  - a. Filling of Deacon Openings, still need one for February 2024.
  - b. Endowment fund meeting held August 13<sup>th</sup> after service. The fund is under the church umbrella and is being track separately by classification. The principal will never be touched and the interest will be reviewed annually to determine it uses for missions of the church.
  - c. The Employee Retention Tax Credit has been approved but the money has not been received yet.
  - d. Sanctuary lighting will save on watts used, energy expended, money saved and is also has a safety concern.
  - e. WELCA Ecumenical breakfast October 14<sup>th</sup> 9am-11am, at SVLC.

6. New business:

- a. Sunday School: Can we start something up again? Karen, Julie and Carolyn have agreed to participate. They are going to be rounding up more volunteers to make teams of two for the teaching on Sundays after service. Motion to pursue was made by Karen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rhoda. Motion carried.
- b. Motion by Phil and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen to buy a new TV for the narthex and put the old one in the Sunday school area.
- c. Motion by Steve to have the carpets cleaned in the Narthex, entrance and public areas for a cost under \$500. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil and was carried.

7. Committee reports:

Outreach:

- a. Interfaith Garden potluck is scheduled for 9/4/23.
- b. A collection of small or medium suitcases or backpacks for the LSSI children to have for transporting of their belongings when moving back home or into foster homes.
- c. Truck or Treat on 10/28/23 – still looking for someone to head this up as David will be out of town.

Finance:

Reports were reviewed and approved. The Supply Pastor will be receiving a compensation of \$50 plus travel expense when providing communion services. A proposal was made by Carolyn to make an offering to K-Fact to help with their mission. They operate entirely on contributions to assist area young women. Motion as 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Barb and seconded by Rhoda. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be in person on: September 19, 2023 at 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Pearson