

# Shepherd of the Valley Council Minutes

October 17, 2023 met in person

Present: Brian Carpenter, Steve Larsen, Pearl Fortman, Rhoda Fox, Carolyn Ciaccio, Phil Smalley, Karen Dolan and Barbara Pearson.

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

1. Carolyn opened with devotion and prayer.
2. Reviewed 9/19/23 meeting minutes. Motion to accept with corrections by Phil and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve. The motion was carried.
3. Minister's report.
4. Old business:
  - a. ERTC update – Phil. Still in process, waiting for results.
  - b. Call Committee update. Vicki Nitz and Sam Fiorenza have joined. We now have the 7 members needed. Sam was chosen as Chairman. First meeting was held on 10/16/23. Site profile to be built: what we want, what we are all about, etc. also, a salary proposal must be put together.
5. New business:
  - a. Church secretary: we will be looking to find one. Perhaps we could share a person with another church as we believe only a part time person would be needed at this time.
  - b. Deacons needed for Sundays: November, Karen will do Nov. 5, Barb will do Nov. 12, Pearl took Nov. 19 and Brian took Nov. 26. Carolyn has volunteered to do February 2024.
  - c. Potentially looking at another tenant to rent spaces in June 2024.
  - d. Commitment and etiquette form was read and signed by Council members.
6. Committee reports:

Outreach:

  - a. Looking into filling Salvation Army barrels; they will bring them and remove them when filled. Ruthie's Kitchen, looking for volunteers to cook and or serve. More information to come. Projects for December is in development.

Property:

- a. Room 8 had a broken window that has been fixed.
- b. Lights for the sanctuary: materials are here and Saturday 10/21 is the tentative day for the wiring to be done.
- c. Mowing is winding down for the year.

Worship and Music:

- a. Reformation Sunday is October 29<sup>th</sup>
- b. All Saints Sunday is November 5<sup>th</sup>
- c. November 12<sup>th</sup> is confirmation Sunday. Cake of course!
- d. No Thanksgiving service. A list of area churches having one will be posted.
- e. Hanging of the greens and tree decoration will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Finance:

Reports were reviewed and approved. Overall, under budget but building is slightly over. Remember, Commitment Sunday is 11/19/23.

Education:

- a. Would like the television change to take place as soon as it is convenient.

Endowment Committee:

- a. Much discussion about the way an endowment works as it is laid out in our constitution.
- b. Endowment is under the church umbrella , also defined in the constitution. Growth and status to be discussed at the next meeting being held on November 12<sup>th</sup> after service.

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: November 21, 2023 at 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Pearson