

Shepherd of the Valley Council Minutes

December 19, 2023 met in person

Present: Brian Carpenter, Steve Larsen, Rhoda Fox, Carolyn Ciaccio, Phil Smalley, Karen Dolan, Bob Tukker, Deacon Cheryl Erdmann on Zoom, and Barbara Pearson.

Absent: Pearl Fortman, and Julie Johnson

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

1. Deacon Cheryl opened with prayer.
2. Reviewed 11/21/23 meeting minutes. Motion to accept by Bob and 2nd by Karen. The motion was carried.
3. Minister's report reviewed. Motion made by Brian to approve, was seconded by Bob. Motion carried.
4. Old business:
 - a. ERTC update – Phil. Still waiting for results. No changed as of yet.
 - b. Call Committee update. Members have taken on roles to better organize our plans. They are rolling out a survey to be given to the congregation to fill out by 1/7/24. The congregation will meet on 1/21/24 to discuss the results over a light lunch.
 - c. New Tenants: Harvest Time Christian Academy plans to sign a lease for 2024. They will actively have school in session, a one room school setting, starting September through May. They have 8 students of various ages. They want to start moving in during June, July & August.
 - d. Endowment committee minutes were reviewed. The next meeting will be on 3/17/24.
 - e. Still searching for a photo of Pastor Scott to frame and mount in the front hall.
5. New business:
 - a. Update Deacon Duties list to be completed in January.
 - b. Rockford Lutheran School pledge will continue to be supported.
 - c. Bishop Fidler's Year-End Financial update letter was reviewed.
 - d. Annual Congregational Meeting will be on 1/28/24.
 - e. Recycle bin only goes out when full. Deacons to notify Phil when doing so.

6. Committee reports:

Outreach:

- a. The pies & cake to Zion were greatly appreciated.
- b. Halloween candy donated was well received and shared with other tables who got low on candy.
- c. Summerdale Christmas gifts: the teaching staff and the children were very excited and thankful.
- d. Big thanks to all who donated hats and gloves to the Rockford Rescue Mission.

Property:

- a. Fire extinguisher was put in garage.
- b. The ballasts for the back of the cross lights have been replaced.
- c. The leaves in the courtyard were cleaned up and bagged.

Worship and Music:

- a. Wreath coming down.
- b. Christmas tree will come down as soon as possible after Christmas service or first week in January.
- c. Requesting for Richard to attend a Workshop. He is needing to register ASAP.

Finance:

- a. Reports were reviewed and approved.
- b. We are ahead of budget; building is over budget. This is a good thing.

Fellowship:

- a. Potluck planned for Interfaith Women gathering 1/29/24.

Motion to adjourn by Bob and seconded by Phil. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be in person on: January 16 at 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Pearson