

Shepherd of the Valley Council Minutes

January 21, 2025 met in person

Present: Steve Larsen, Phil Smalley, Deacon Cheryl Erdmann, Carolyn Ciaccio, Kevin Nitz, Julie Johnson, Pearl Fortman, Brian Carpenter, Shelly Pierson, and Barbara Pearson.

Absent: Elizabeth Beale

On Zoom: Karen Dolan

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

- Deacon Cheryl opened the meeting with a devotional reading from Luke, followed by prayer.
- Reviewed December's council meeting minutes. Motion by Deacon Cheryl to approve them. Motion was 2nd by Carolyn. Motion carried.
- Reviewed January's agenda. Motion to approve by Karen, 2nd by Julie. Motion carried.
- Reviewed Interim Minister's report from Deacon Cheryl. Full report is posted on the kiosk in the Narthex. Motion to approve by Kevin, 2nd by Barb. Motion carried.
- Old business:
 - *Call Committee update – Steven Larsen: Facebook & website is up to date. Budget may be a problem with finding a full time pastor. Finance reviewing this. Call Committee, along with members from Council will attend a meeting on Sunday, February 23rd at All Saints in Byron for "Becoming Beloved Community" workshop.
 - *ERTC Update – Phil: ERTC checks may be lost in the mail. A form has been filed to locate lost checks.
- New business:
 - *Endowment update: met to decide interest earned and where it goes. This will be presented at the Congregation regular meeting on the 26th.
 - * Rockford Urban Ministry Cabinet meeting to be held January 30th.
 - * Newly elected council members are: LaVon Downing, Stewart Walk, and Janette Erickson.

- Committee reports:

Outreach:

4/12/25 Ruthie's Kitchen – we will cook and serve. Maybe two shifts, 1st to cook and 2nd to serve. \$300 donation to go to Carpenter's Place for paper products.

Property:

Bad floor tiles to be pulled up and replaced in the west hallway and the second kitchen.

Worship and Music:

Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Simple Suppers to begin March 12th. Easter service on April 20th. Proposing to change the music corner in the Sanctuary. Also, the organ cannot be fixed so motion made to have it removed by Carolyn, 2nd by Kevin. Motion carried.

Finance:

Budget proposal for 2025 was reviewed. Motion to approve made by Karen, 2nd by Julie. Motion carried.

Fellowship:

No report

Christian Ed:

Paused.

Motion to adjourn by Deacon Cheryl, 2nd by Kevin. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be in person on: February 18th at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Pearson