

Shepherd of the Valley Council Minutes

February 18, 2025 met on Zoom

Present: Steve Larsen, Phil Smalley, Deacon Cheryl Erdmann, Carolyn Ciaccio, Pearl Fortman, Shelly Pierson, LaVon Downing, Stewart Walk, Janette Erickson, and Barbara Pearson.

Absent: Kevin Nitz, Brian Carpenter

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

- Deacon Cheryl opened the meeting with a devotional reading from Jeremiah 17:5-10, followed by prayer.
- Reviewed January's council meeting minutes. Motion by Deacon Cheryl to approve them, after corrections. Motion was 2nd by Stewart. Motion carried.
- Reviewed February's agenda. Motion to approve by Stewart, 2nd by Carolyn. Motion carried.
- Old business:
 - *Organ has been removed and the music corner is being reviewed for changes to the piano placement and what to do about the steps.
- New business:
 - *Election of officers to council: President – Steve Larsen nominated by Phil, 2nd by Deacon Cheryl. Vice President – Carolyn Ciaccio nominated by Deacon Cheryl, 2nd by LaVon. Treasurer – Phil Smalley nominated by Steve, 2nd by Barb. Secretary – Barb Pearson nominated by Deacon Cheryl, 2nd by Steve. Motion made to close nominations.
 - * Workshop at All Saints church in Byron to be on February 23. Members attending are Carolyn, Steve, Barb and Deacon Cheryl.
 - * Congregational Resourcing Event, "Growing Disciples" is being held on 3/22/25 at the Sauk Valley Community College in Dixon, IL. Anyone may attend. Signed up so far is Sherry Scheider, Deacon Cheryl, Stewart and Cheryl Walk, Steve Larsen, and Carolyn Ciaccio.
 - * Researching purchasing a "Ring" system for two entry doors as added security for the church and members.

- Committee reports:

Outreach:

4/12/25 Ruthie's Kitchen – we will cook and serve. Maybe two shifts, 1st to cook and 2nd to serve. Sign up board is up if interested to help out.

Property:

Bad floor tiles have been pulled up and new replacement tiles to be installed this week.

Worship and Music:

*The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th.

*Simple Suppers to begin March 12th through April 9th, at 6 p.m. Supper will be followed by Lenten Worship using Holden Evening Prayer at 7 p.m.

*Easter service is on April 20th.

*Changes to the music corner is being reviewed.

*Butterflies to go up on 4/19/25 Don Wiese is our leader for this.

Finance:

Profit and loss to Budget for January 2025 was reviewed.

Fellowship:

Bible Study and lunch planned. Study from the "Gather Magazine"

Christian Ed:

Paused.

Motion to adjourn by Stewart, 2nd by LaVon. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Pearson