

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH
12650 JOHNNY CAKE RIDGE ROAD, APPLE VALLEY, MN 55124
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
Date: 5/18/2023
On-Site Community Room

Attendees:

Melissa Taphorn, President
Paul Moyer, Vice President (absent)
Dick Rank, Treasurer
Carleen Crouse, Secretary*
Amber Kocemba
Bernie Zimmermann
Jon Hohenstein (via Zoom)
Melissa Tapper

Pastor Rick Summy
Rachel Wermerskirchen
Robin Robinson
Shirl Alojado
Alyssa Isaacs*
Jennifer Davidson*
Kelsey Young*
*denotes non-voting member

Call to Order: President Melissa Taphorn called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. Rachel Wermerskirchen shared an opening prayer.

Vision and Leadership Teams Reports: Pastor Rick Summy shared an update on the Planting Hope campaign, the total pledge is at \$238K. Almost half of the pledged money has been received already. Congregational Meeting May 7th, 96% vote in favor to becoming an RIC partner. Kelsey Young shared the program year ended strongly, 75% attendance Wednesday nights, 80% on Sundays. Summer is in progress, VBS workday this weekend, planned are mini-camps, Camp Wapo, 9 full weeks of programming across all grades. Planning 2023-2024 calendar. Rebranding GodZone to Shepherds Kids Sunday School. Alyssa Isaacs shared an update on Communications, Lisa Marie is doing well; Alyssa has already transferred everything to her. Working on an updated bulletin and saved the website. RIC is a big focus for Ministries team. All staff is going through IDI. Working on registering with Reconciling Works. Working on trainings for staff who host volunteers. Trying out a poll for on-line worshipers. Jennifer Davidson shared budget is taking a lot of time and energy. Working towards having a budget in June for congregation approval in September. Staff vacancy in Outreach Ministries, looking for ways to honor those commitments. Updating some tools for Food Shelf (communication and outreach for getting donations). Nursery care, A/V and live sound technicians and kitchen assistants are open positions that will be advertised again June 1st. Working with Communications to update some landing pages on website.

Welcome Statement: Alyssa Isaacs gave some background on the development of the Welcome Statement. Used some ideas from RIC process, Reconciling Works, but also grounded in values of SOTV already. Pastor Rick Summy read the Welcome Statement. Gratitude from the council to those who had a hand in coming up with the Welcome Statement. Shirl Alojado moved to approve the Welcome Statement. Bernie Zimmermann seconded the motion, and the council voted unanimously, 10-0, to approve the Welcome Statement.

Secretary's Report: The council reviewed the minutes to the April 20, 2023 council meeting and May 7, 2023 Congregational Meeting. Robin Robinson moved to approve the secretary's report of the Church Council meeting of April 20, 2023. Shirl Alojado seconded the motion, and the council voted unanimously, 10-0, to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2023 council meeting and May 7, 2023 Congregational Meeting.

Finance Report: Dick Rank provided an overview of the April financials. Revenue at \$302K for offerings. Paid off Synod pledge. Net for the month at \$30K. 3 pay periods in May for staff. Planning on making base payment on mortgage for May, June and July. Hoping to end the year with an increase in fund balance of about \$200K. The budget for the coming year was discussed along with the challenges and costs of cuts/savings, etc. Pastor Rick Summy moved to approve the April finance reports. Amber Kocemba seconded the motion, and the council voted unanimously, 10-0, to approve the April finance reports.

Nominations: Jennifer Davidson presented Marilu Narum for Nominations. Robin Robinson moved to approve Marilu Narum for Nominations. Amber Kocemba seconded the motion and the council voted unanimously, 10-0, to approve Marilu Narum for Nominations. Next step will be for the Congregation to vote in June.

New Business: Bishop Lull will be preaching June 3rd and 4th, celebrating Planting Hope campaign. Congregational Meeting June 4th. Melissa, Alyssa and Robin attended the Synod meeting and were thanked for our benevolence.

Adjourn: Pastor Rick Summy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM. Bernie Zimmerman seconded the motion. The council voted unanimously, 10-0, to approve the motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Carleen Crouse, Church Council Secretary

Next Council Meeting:

June 4, 2023 at noon, Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

June 15, 2023 at 6:30 PM, in-person, Community Room