

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH
12650 JOHNNY CAKE RIDGE ROAD, APPLE VALLEY, MN 55124
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
Date: 6/20/2024
On-Site Community Room

Attendees:

Melissa Taphorn, President
Paul Moyer, Vice President (absent)
Dick Rank, Treasurer
Carleen Melin, Secretary*
Amber Kocemba (absent)
Bernie Zimmermann
Jon Hohenstein
Melissa Tapper
Pastor Julie Wright*

Pastor Rob Carlson
Rachel Wermerskirchen
Robin Robinson
Shirl Alojado
Merilu Narum
Jennifer Davidson*
Alyssa Isaacs* (absent)
Kelsey Young*
*denotes non-voting member

Call to Order: President Melissa Taphorn called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM. Melissa shared an opening prayer. Jennifer Davidson shared thanks to Bernie Zimmermann for his service on Council and Melissa Taphorn for her service as Council President.

Finance Report: Dick Rank provided an overview of the May financials. Came in short on revenue for the month, net positive year to date. Forecasting to be about -\$83K at year end. Budget will be presented at July Council meeting. Jon Hohenstein moved to approve the May finance reports. Bernie Zimmermann seconded the motion and the council voted unanimously, 10-0, to approve the May finance reports.

Vision and Leadership Teams Reports: Notes were provided ahead of the meeting. CYF has all their volunteers for VBS!

Secretary's Report: The council reviewed the minutes to the May 16, 2024 Council meeting and June 9, 2024 Congregational meeting. Robin Robinson moved to approve the secretary's report of the Church Council meeting of May 16, 2024 and Congregational meeting of June 9, 2024. Dick Rank seconded the motion, and the council voted unanimously, 10-0, to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2024 Church Council meeting and June 9, 2024 Congregational meeting.

Call Process Update: Finishing up job description, should be ready for approval at next Council meeting. Congregational nomination form is being worked on and will be available to the congregation for approximately 2 weeks. Summer scheduling is challenging for the group but allows some time for discernment.

Nominations: Merilu Narum presented Jeff Krueger for Properties and Ron Reimann for Finance. Bernie Zimmermann moved to approve Jeff Krueger for Properties and Ron Reimann for Finance. Jon Hohenstein seconded the motion and the council voted unanimously, 10-0, to approve Jeff Krueger for Properties and Ron Reimann for Finance.

Guided Discussion: Pastor Rob started the conversation around some visioning work to be done at upcoming Council meetings. "What does God hope for us now?" Recommended reading: [The Coming](#)

[Revolution in Church Economics](#) by Mark DeYmaz, [Church Finances For Missional Leaders](#) by Bonnie Ives Marden and [Being With God](#) by AJ Sherrill. Pastor Rob shared some handouts and will have copies of a book at the Welcome Center for Council.

New Business: Rally Day more for introducing potentially interested congregational members to Leadership Team opportunities. Moving Mission and Ministry Fair to the Spring, Rally Day will not replace this. Suggested 1 day vs. 2 days and calling it something other than Rally Day. Looking for help working with Alyssa and Kelsey to help plan the event, food and volunteers, gather and share stories from Council and/or Leadership teams. Melissa Taphorn will bring a sign-up for opening prayer for the fiscal year.

Adjourn: Jon Hohenstein moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. Bernie Zimmermann seconded the motion. The council voted unanimously, 10-0, to approve the motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Carleen Melin, Church Council Secretary

Next Council Meeting:

July 18, 2024 at 6:30 PM, in-person, Community Room (Opening Prayer: Merilu Nerum)

August 15, 2024 at 6:30 PM, in-person, Community Room (Opening Prayer: Rachel Wermerskirchen)

August 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM, Room 20/21 – New Member Class (Council attendance requested)

August 27, 2024 at 6:00 PM, Room 20/21 – New Member Class

September 15 or 18 Rally Day (to be renamed, Council attendance requested)

September 19, 2024 at 6:30 PM, in-person, Community Room

September 22, 2024 at noon, in-person, Sanctuary – Congregational Meeting