

Shepherd of the Valley Church
Council Meeting January 9, 2017

Meeting called to order by Wayne Kaschak followed by devotional Luke 5:1-11 read by Pastor Miguel. Pastor asked for prayer over the council, himself, and our congregation for a great new Year.

Members present: Michelle Ward, Chrissie Silvestro, Karen Broadwater, Wayne Kaschak, Max Lebold, Pastor Miguel, Susan Lux, Cindy Sundheimer, Mary McCaffery, Chaney Sommer

Reading of Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed from 12-12-16 council meeting

Motion made by Max Lebold to accept council minutes with the adding of Cindy Sundheimer's name as being present at the meeting, Second Chrissie Silvestro approved.

Treasurer Report: Michelle Ward

Tithes were down again in December. We are down again for the month but for year end it was a positive.

Motion made by Cindy to accept treasurer report, Second Mary; approved.

Pastor's Report: For December 2016

- Regular office hours Monday – Thursday 9-5
- Attend monthly council meetings
- Funeral Service for Doris Farber
- 4 Sunday Services – This month there were 3 due to Christmas being on a Sunday and the Saturday Christmas Eve service.
- Wednesday Bible Study continues; monthly Pub & Church bible study on Tuesdays
- Attends Pastor text study except on 12/20/16 to get ready for the Christmas Eve Service
- Several hospital visits: Kathy Wanner, Barb Pontones at Woodlawn; Iva Campana, Kathy McDaniel, other visits in the community
- Thursday 12/15/16 monthly Pastor Meeting
- Received special clergy pass from Sandy Valley Superintendent, Mr. Fischer, to attend all school sporting events and other activities for free.
- Meets with other clergy in the SV area along with Mr. Fischer to discuss the needs of the children in our community.
- Hosts pastor meetings here with area pastors.
- Met with homeless shelter in New Philadelphia about Shepherd's Kitchen, Helping Hands food pantry in Waynesburg
- Attended Shepherd's kitchen
- Supervises bulletins, newsletters, prepares Sunday sermons
- Pastor Miguel and previous council decided that he will submit is monthly gas receipts instead of mileage to possibly save on finances. He obtained a Marathon gas card and we will see how that goes.

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New Business:

Wayne began the meeting with some questions to bring the new council up to speed.

- Why isn't Pastor Miguel's name on the sign outside? Pastor answered that it was cleaned & fixed when Pastor John left and that council decided at the time not to place another name because Pastor Miguel wasn't official. Wayne feels his name should be placed on the sign and is properly a property committee issue.
- The previous council discussed the office computer being outdated and Jackie Wanner volunteered to look into a new one. Chaney will email Jackie to see where we are on this.
- Thrivent balance is \$121,403.77 in investments not cash. Approximately 4-5 years ago, council had decided to place \$100,000.00 in this for extraordinary repairs and since then it has grown by about \$21,000.00
- With the Thrivent account there is a statutory agent which was Nancy Wharmby. The agent is really a person who in the event the church would be sued, for example, they would be contacted. Since Nancy is no longer with the church we need a new agent. Jeff Ward was volunteered and the council approved him.
- Church website needs fixing and updated. Pastor Miguel assumed full responsibility of this and just doesn't have the time manage it properly. Wayne asked Chaney to announce in the announcements and newsletter that the church is looking for a Webmaster who can dedicate the time needed to keep the website current.
- Question regarding the status on the fire pulls in the sanctuary. Chaney will contact Fred to see what he has heard.

Committee Reports:

- Finance Team: Michelle Ward/ Chair -- Max Lebold
- Faith/Family/Fellowship Team: Chair – Cindy Sundheimer
- Property Team: Chair – Bill Schandel
- Outreach/Social: Co-Chair Pastor Miguel & Mary McCafferty
- Worship/Music/Audio Visual: Chair – Chaney Sommer
- Christian Education/Youth: Chair – Chrissie Silvestro
- Technology changed name to Social Media – Chair will be determined when the church finds a Webmaster.
- Wayne read the reports from Shepherd's Kitchen and Worship year end report; in the year end report it was noted that Altar care only has 6 ladies volunteering to help and needs help for each service. Please Susan Kaschak if you are interested.
- Pastor handed out his 20/20 Vision asking for prayers that our council and congregation will follow it. Pastor Miguel also brought up that some committees never report anything ; he asked for ideas and suggestions and let's roll up our sleeves and get busy!
- Pastor Miguel asked how can we be more biblically committed: more bible study times to reach more people, we will continue to have Wednesday Bible study, Pub & Church. Pastor has discipleship training in his office and is looking to begin a training.
- Pastor Miguel hung on the board his receipt for the monies donated to Christmas in Cuba.
- The new 8:00 service had 17 attendees

Next Meeting all committees bring reports

Next Meeting: February 6th @ 6:30pm

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Mary, 2nd Susan; Adjourned

Closing Prayer