

Shepherd of the Valley Church
Council Meeting February 6, 2017

Meeting called to order by Wayne Kaschak followed by devotional by Pastor Miguel.

Members present: Michelle Ward, Chaney Sommer, Max Lebold, Cindy Sundheimer, Pastor Miguel, Susan Lux, Mary McCaffery, Karen Broadwater, Bill Schandel

Absent: Chrissie Silvestro

Reading of Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed from 1-79-2017 council meeting

Motion made by Cindy to accept and 2nd to accept by Max. All council approved

Treasurer Report: Michelle Ward

Tithes for January \$9,855

Total General Fund Expense \$9609.75

Net Income \$245

However, needed monthly to meet budget is \$2383.30, January total tithes of \$9,855 meaning we did not meet the January budget by -\$2,306.63.

Savings balance \$43,781.76 and checking balance \$ 8727.59 as of January 31,2017.

Thrivent balance \$121,826.41

Motion made by Bill to accept treasurer report, Second Karen; all council approved.

Pastor's Report: For December 2016

- Regular office hours Monday – Thursday 9-5
- Attend monthly council meetings
- 4 Sunday Services – Missed one Sunday while in Cuba January 22, 2017.
- Attended Shepherd's kitchen, Learning Centre, Bible Study, Lasagna Fundraiser, local Pastor's meeting
- Supervises bulletins, newsletters, prepares Sunday sermons

Old Business:

- Signage – the company is coming Tuesday or Wednesday of this week to finish the sign with Pastor Miguel's name on it. It will cost \$250 to complete the sign. Motion to accept finishing the sign Wayne motioned and Bill 2nd. All council approved.
- Office/Secretary computer is installed and working! Thank you Jackie Wanner. Jacob Schandel is returning as the Webmaster., Thank you Jacob.
- We are still waiting to hear regarding the fire alarm system.

New Business:

- Feed back on 2 services: Pastor has stated he has seen an increase in the 8AM attendance. Pastor is asking to give the 8AM service a little more time to see if it continues to grow due to some closings of local churches. Pastor Miguel stated that he does feel a little negative impact from the 2 services and a few other council members also stated they do not like having the 2 services and that they have heard that from several members of the congregation also. Bill Schandel asked if the 8AM service has been advertised which it has been in The Repository, The Times Reporter, The Press News, and the Lake Mohawk monthly newsletter. Wayne asked if there will be a budget increase because Carol Richards originally agreed to play for free for 3 months and Pastor said she will continue playing until July for free, especially since we didn't meet budget for January. Bill suggested announcing the 8AM on the sign in the front yard and we have done that also. Wayne confirmed with Pastor Miguel that we will continue with 8AM

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service until June 30, 2017 and if there is no increase we will discontinue the 8AM service and the issue of two services will not be brought up again per Pastor Miguel.

- January attendance: 1/1/17 only 9:30AM – 45
1/8/17 8AM 17 / 9:30AM 50
1/15/17 8AM 22 / 9:30AM 40
1/22/17 8AM 13 / 9:30 AM 55
1/29/17 8AM 15 / 9:30AAM 44

Total January attendance: 8AM 67 / 9:30 AM 234

Pastor Miguel noted from the Synod that SOTV is one of the most stable churches in our area.

Committee Reports:

- **Finance Team:** Michelle Ward/ Max Lebold Chair –
Submitted by Michelle at beginning of meeting
- **Faith/Family/Fellowship Team:** Chair – NO report Cindy Sundheimer
- **Property Team:** Chair Bill Schandel read what Fred had submitted for the meeting: the furnace that supplies the outlying rooms and the Pastor/Secretary offices went bad and luckily it was under warranty. Fred received the new sensor and installed it. Fred also fixed the door lock going into the youth room.
- **Outreach/Social:** Co-Chair Pastor Miguel & Mary McCafferty: Pub & Church had been canceled in January due to the weather. Scheduled for February 7, 2017. Pastor announced the Saturday Easter Breakfast on April 8th from 9-11AM. Pastor Miguel also asked how effective are we in the community? People come to Shepherd's Kitchen, the Lasagna Extravaganza, Breakfast with Santa but why aren't we drawing them in on Sunday mornings. Some council members mentioned the busyness with family, i.e. sporting games on Sundays are pulling families away from church.
- **Worship/Music/Audio Visual:** Chair – Chaney Sommer: Chaney read the reports prepared by Susan Kaschak which restated the January attendance, the Lenten season quickly approaching us and that we will no longer be doing the Lenten Mid-week services due to lack of interest but Pastor Miguel will be sharing a series entitled "At the Crossroads" each Sunday during Lent. There will be services on Ash Wednesday (March 1), Maundy Thursday (April 13), and Good Friday (April 14) which will follow with his series. The choir is busy learning new music and hopes to sing as often as possible on Sunday mornings, as well as the Good Friday service. Altar Care is still in need of more helpers; only 6 ladies have signed up to help this year. Because of adding an 8:00 service many women do not want the added responsibility, especially on communion Sunday. Anyone interested please see Susan K.
Shepherd's Kitchen report: Busy month. SK dinner 1/13/17 delivered 70 meals, fed approximately 50 at church and sent more meals to go with those in attendance.
January 28, 2017 Shepherd's Kitchen held their annual Italian Extravaganza and they made a Profit of \$5,051.72.
- **Christian Education/Youth:** Chair – Chrissie Silvestro absent no report for February
- **Social Media:** – Chair will be determined when the church finds a Webmaster. Jacob Schandel just reprised his role as Webmaster in January 2017.

Wayne asked for any closing thoughts/comments: Pastor Miguel mentioned how we raised \$305 for the Church in Beach City, First Lutheran Church. The money was raised to help due to their treasurer embezzling all of their monies. Wayne mentioned the school sent a flyer over to advertise in their program booklet used during their school play, Fiddler on the Roof. Council agreed to advertise for \$25.

Next Meeting all committees bring reports

Next Meeting: March 13th @ 6:30pm

Motion to Adjourn by Pastor Miguel , 2nd by Mary; Meeting Adjourned; Closing Prayer