

Shepherd of the Valley Church
Council Meeting April 10, 2017

Meeting called to order by Wayne Kaschak followed by opening prayer.

Members present: Max Lebold, Susan Lux, Cindy Sundheimer, Bill Schandel, Mary McCaffery, Michelle Ward, Chrissie Silvestro, Karen Broadwater, Wayne Kaschak, Chaney Sommer, and Pastor Miguel. Guest, Kathy Smith from Thrivent.

Reading of Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed from 3-10-2017 council meeting

Motion made by Cindy to accept and 2nd by Chrissie ,approved.

Treasurer Report: Michelle Ward

Tithes for March \$8616.00

Total General Fund Expense \$10,213.01

Deficit for February \$1,597.01/ for year \$2,571.37

Savings balance \$43,787.16

checking balance \$ 5,303.47 as of 3-31-17

Thrivent balance \$123,292

Motion by Susan Lux to accept; 2nd by Max Lebold

Special Speaker Kathy Smith Thrivent: Kathy presented some very insightful and helpful information regarding Thrivent. How to donate choice dollars to the church, how to become a Thrivent member, and do much more.

Old Business:

- Fire alarm system: No additional information at this time.
- Camp Crossroads: Jenn Crone will be in charge this year and she will be applying for a grant.
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New Business:

- Church budget shortfall to date is \$4,859.

Committee Reports

- Finance: Max Lebold invited Kathy Smith from Thrivent to attend our meeting. There was a lot of information provided by Kathy! Raffle a ¼ of beef or ½ of pig and tickets are \$10 for one or 3 for \$25. We hope to have everyone in the congregation sell a minimum of 10. Drawing will Sunday, June 25.
- Faith/Family/Worship: Easter breakfast was a success, 33 people attended. Discussed graduation Sunday, we will announce for any graduates name. We will have a graduation/end of year cake for students. Wayne brought up the price for renting the fellowship hall. Chaney found the rental for agreement stating that for non-members it is \$50 and nothing for members. Council discussed the need to increase the amount to cover janitors and such. Bill Schandel motioned to accept and Chrissie Silvestro 2nd the motion and Council agreed to raise the fee from \$50 to \$150 for non-members and all remaining stipulations still apply and no cost to church members.
- Outreach: Movie Night was a succsss, Pub & Church one a month at Firehouse in Zoar, and our monthly commitment to Refuge of Hope.

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- Worship: Jacob is doing a great job with the website. He is looking into adding a paypal button to our website so that donations to the church can be made that way. Broadcasting our Sunday Service on our Youtube channel. We can broadcast the choir, the sermon but the actual congregation will not be broadcasted. It will be recorded and edited prior to be broadcasted. Chrissie motioned to accept and Cindy 2nd.
- Christian Education/Youth: Chrissie has handed out the Shack flyers. She discovered that Mr. Fischer, the SV superintendent, never presented them to school board. Pastor has private donors from other churches for supplies. No Rummage sale this year. Susan Lux asked if she, Cindy, and Chrissie could work together to hold our own Valley Merry Christmas during the same weekend of the schools. They will start planning more after July 4th. Chrissie said she has and will call the members that have not been to church for a while to invite them back and to make sure they are ok.
- Property: Bob Crone leveled the ball field and the parking lot. Fred had a small group of volunteers to help with the dusting of the sanctuary. He thanked everyone for their help.
- Pastor Report: Pastor Miguel is requesting time off from May 26th – June 3rd for his vacation and then June 12th- June 19th for a special trip to Cuba. He has talked to the ELCA to support the trip and is planning on taking the donations from Shepherd and he has requested a religious Visa. He will get a supply Pastor to cover his duties while he gone. Motion to accept by Mary McCaffery and 2nd by Chrissie. Passed by council.

Other notes from Pastor: he was here the 4 Sundays of March for both services, he attended Learning Centre, Shepherd's Kitchen, Aultman Clergy meeting, Bible Study, Pub & Church, and Refuge of Hope. He made several personal visits to members and maintained his office hours. Pastor also announced that we can do a church fundraiser through Firehouse Pub & Grille, the owner said he will make flyers and then anyone who comes in the with flyers on a specific day the church will receive 20% of the entire day sales from the flyers that were presented.

8am service will continue for now but Pastor said it still needs to grow and members need to invite and/or bring friends to make it grow!

Motion to Adjourn by Mary 2nd by Chrissie; Meeting Adjourned; Closing Prayer
Next Meeting, Monday May 8th at 6:30pm