

Shepherd of the Valley Church  
Special Council Meeting November 16, 2017

Meeting called to order by Wayne Kaschak followed by opening prayer by Bob Cheyney

Members present: Mary McCaffrey, Karen Broadwater, Cindy Sundheimer, Chrissie Silvestro, Max Lebold, Susan Lux, Bill Schandel, Guests from the Synod office Bob Cheyney and Roger with Bishop Allende on conference call.

Roger began meeting saying we have a letter from the Bishop regarding the Synod's recommendation to rescind Pastor Miguel Acosta's call at Shepherd of the Valley. Any questions and clarifications can be addressed after the reading.

Doug Cheyney read the Bishop's letter. The letter stated that Synod believes from meeting with 24 members of Shepherd of the Valley on October 24, 2017 that SOTV has been divided and Pastor Miguel wouldn't be return to his ministry of this church. The synod committee recommends his call come to an end with 3-month severance pay.

**Open Discussion:**

\*Max Lebold had concerns with the 3 months severance pay. Susan Lux recommended we go through with the pay.

\*Max also asked, if we rescind his call will he still have a career in clergy. The answer was, he still has to go to discipline committee.

\*It was asked the percentages for the vote: 51% of the votes to follow the synod recommendation and 2/3 vote to reject the synod recommendation.

2/3 vote by the congregation to reject recommendation but the church would still have to wait for the disciplinary committee findings.

\* Severance pay will start from the time of the meeting

\*Call congregational meeting ...only voting members...those who have received communion and tithed for the past year. Date set for the church's congregational meeting December 10, 2017 with one service.

Roger closed with prayer at 7:10pm