

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES

August 13, 2018

Members Present: Pastor Scott, Bill Bowman, Karen Broadwater, Fred Drotleff, Max Lebold, Susan Lux, Marilyn Mason Chris Pontones, Jeff Ward, Michele Ward. Absent (excused) Terri Wanner.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Reading of Minutes from the June meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Ward motioned to accept report. Max Lebold seconded. Motion carried. Report placed on file for audit.

Thrivent Accounts have the following balances. As of August 13, 2018 the account #36 has a balance of \$73,632.78. Account # 35 has a balance of \$60,804.35. The accounts balances on 03/31/2018 were as follows: Account #36 \$72,164.60; #35 \$59,978.83

Memorial Funds. There is a need for a improved Memorial Fund recording so there can be better tracking of the fund balances. This was tabled and will be discussed at next council meeting. It was noted that there should be the option of letting the family know of who gave a memorial.

Bills. Memorial gifts for Wayne Kaschak totaled \$539.00. Due to Wayne's desire to have the youth go to Cedar point, it was moved by Fred Drotleff to take the money from the memorial fund to pay for the \$450 transportation expense. Marilyn Mason seconded; motion carried.

Changes to membership. Several people are not listed in the permanent record book who may be members. They will be contacted to verify their membership, contact information and be sure their baptism and marriage information is correct.

OLD BUSINESS

Term call. Copy of the term call covenant was reviewed. Our original draft called for a six- month covenant. The Synodod changed the covenant to a one- year term.

Custodian duties. Fred Drotleff met with custodians and reviewed their job description.

Copier contract. The technician will be scheduling an appointment to be sure the pastor's computer and copier are connected to each other.

Hazards/Vandalism/Security/Liability. We have insurance that covers these things. There have been persons who have used the church parking lot for skateboarding and the air conditioning unit that was vandalized. Members felt that we should ask Tuscarawas Sheriff if they would increase patrolling as a way to promote security. We as a church need to get an updated inventory of the building and contents which may include pictures. The doors to the church are locked when Mary D is working to promote safety.

NEW BUSINESS

Blessing of Term Call. On September 30, 2018, Synod to conduct special service with communion. Members discussed the serving of a special meal after the service. Fred Drotleff motioned to proceed with plan of the special meal. Marilyn Mason seconded. Motion carried.

Constitution. The last time the church constitution was updated was in 2005. Jeff Ward, Fred Drotleff, and Susan Lux to work on review.

Reports

Evangelism and Outreach. Currently collecting school supplies for students. Quilt-a-thon was a success and at this time there are 44 quilts that will be ready for Lutheran World Relief.

Property. Report reviewed by members. We will need to take care of weeds in the gravel area of the parking lot. Matter tabled until spring. The parking lot asphalt needs resealed; need to get estimates. It was noted that the main entrance needs attention.

Worship and Music. Report reviewed. There is a need for more altar care helpers. We are going to be using setting eight in the LBW toward the Easter season. Susan K has requested memorial fund money that was donated in memory of Scarlet Hunter be used to purchase needed music. This was what family wanted funds used for. Jeff Ward motioned to designate \$125.00 from the general funds for music. Chris Pontones seconded; motion carried. Members discussed that there should be a line item for the budget at the beginning of the year. Discussed the need for possible having three members form a specific committee to address this.

Financial Stewardship. No report.

Fellowship and Family Life. Father's Day breakfast after service.

Youth. Members were introduced to a possible way to encourage help for the new church project of making mats from plastic bags for the homeless. At this point details are being worked on.

Technology No report.

Pastor's Report. Report reviewed. There needs to be addressed of the frequency of communion. Marilyn Mason motioned to have communion at the special service on September 30. Fred Drotleff seconded; motion carried.

Ken Reinoehl's mileage report reviewed. Chris Pontones motioned to pay mileage request. Jeff Ward seconded. Motion carried

Upcoming events: September 9, Rally Day. September 16, God's Work Sunday. September 10, Council Meeting. September 30, Blessing of Term call with lunch following.

Jeff Ward motioned to adjourn meeting. Max Lebold seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Broadwater, Secretary.