

**SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**12650 JOHNNY CAKE RIDGE ROAD, APPLE VALLEY, MN. 55124**  
**Minutes of Church Council Meeting**  
**Date: 8/18/2022**  
**On-Site Community Room**

**Attendees:**

Melissa Taphorn, President (absent)	Amber Kocemba (absent)
Paul Moyer, Vice President	Robin Robinson
Dick Rank, Treasurer	Pastor Rick Summy
Shirl Alajando	Melissa Tapper
Jennifer Davidson*	Rachel Wermerskirchen
Steve Dobin	Kelsey Young*
Jon Hohenstein	Bernie Zimmermann

\*denotes non-voting member

**Call to Order:** Pastor Rick Summy called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

**Welcome New Members:** Pastor Rick Summy welcomed 4 new councilmembers: Shirl Alajando, Amber Kocemba, Paul Moyer, and Robin Robinson.

**Introduction to IDI Training:** Pastor Peter Harrits briefly introduced the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI). This tool helps groups and individuals assess intercultural competence. Pastor Peter is a qualified administrator of the IDI and will lead the Council through it this fall: Each councilmember will complete the inventory (assessment), then Pastor Peter will disseminate the results (both collectively and individually) and provide insights and coaching.

**Secretary's Report:** Jon Hohenstein moved to approve the secretary's report of the Church Council meeting on Zoom of July 21, 2022. Steve Dobin seconded the motion. The council voted 10-0 to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2022 Church Council meeting.

**Finance Report:** Treasurer Dick Rank provided a brief summary of the July financial reports. Bernie Zimmermann moved to approve the finance report of July 2022. Rachel Wermerskirchen seconded the motion. The council approved the financial summary ending July 31, 2022 by a vote of 10-0.

**Council Resolution:** Jennifer Davidson presented an updated Corporate Signature Resolution. The resolution includes removal of Pastor Randy Brandt and Cheryl Seely and addition of Paul Moyer to the list of authorized signers. Dick Rank moved to approve the updated Corporate Signature Resolution, and Jon Hohenstein seconded the motion. The council approved the resolution by a vote of 10-0.

**Call Committee Update:** Jennifer Davidson provided a status update on the Call Committee tasked with finding the next Connect pastor. The Call Committee has 3 candidate names, each of whom has been vetted by Pastor Rick. All 3 candidates have first interviews scheduled for the

week of August 22, 2022.

**Nominations:** Steve Dobin reported that the Nominations Leadership Team will be reaching out to each individual leadership team to determine which have current or anticipated upcoming vacancies to fill. Jennifer Davidson reported that she and Pastor Lindsey have updated each team's membership roster on Realm but requests that each group leader also check to confirm their current roster is accurate. Jennifer also stated that this is a good time for each group to review its charter and make updates as needed.

**New Business:** Jennifer Davidson reminded Councilmembers about the Mission and Ministry Fair on September 17 and 18, 2022, and stated she is seeking Council volunteers to answer questions at a Leadership Team/Outreach table during the event. Pastor Rick Summy provided updates on the RIC (Reconciling in Christ) process. There are 4 new videos pertaining to how the RIC process would change each ministry area; one is being played during worship each Sunday in August. The RIC process team is meeting at the end of August to discuss a final congregational survey and the two RIC discussion forums that are scheduled for September 11 and 12, 2022.

**Adjourn:** Melissa Tapper moved to adjourn the meeting. Bernie Zimmermann seconded the motion. The council voted 10-0 to approve adjournment, and Pastor Rick closed the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Wermerskirchen, Church Council Member

**Next Council Meeting:**

**September 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., in person, Community Room**

Jon Hohenstein has volunteered to perform secretary duties at this meeting.

**Congregational Meeting:**

**September 25, 2022 at 12:00 p.m., in person, Sanctuary**