

**Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church  
Council Retreat, February 26, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Mitchell, at 4:15 pm. all council members were present, along with the Rev. Tari Stage-Harvey.

**Master Facility Plan:**

Up for discussion was the Master Facility Plan, with emphasis on the next steps with the driveway proposal. Specific logistics such as permitting and job specs was reviewed along with the bidding process that would be required for the various projects. It was M/S/A (Gail/Dan) that the MFP develop a scope of work for the driveway and obtain a minimum of two bids. There was brief discussion about the logistics of reviewing the bids by the council. There being no objections the motion was unanimously approved.

The playground idea was discussed. PT shared some general information she had received. A proposal for start-up costs was given to her which would be helpful as PT would like to do a grant proposal. (Gaguine Foundation has pledged \$17,000) There was general discussion about various aspects of the project.

Columbarium project was discussed with landscaping ideas that have been suggested. Further details will be discussed at the next MFP meeting.

Sign: there have been discussions with the sign people and a sketch is being put together for our review.

**Expand Food Ministry:-**

There was general discussion about the Saturday morning routine with volunteers and those assisting with food prep. Teresa and PT will do March breakfast. Fresh produce and meats will be taken off of the online ordering. Delivery bags will be put into the room adjacent to the pantry and put in general residential areas for ease in delivery.

Kids' table. Someone has mentioned that the location up front is a distraction and the board had a discussion of various ideas and perceptions. The council discussed the acoustics/sound in the sanctuary and it was decided to move the pulpit to the other side of the altar area to assist those who might have had difficulty clearly hearing the liturgy.

**Cluster:** March 10 – 12, 2023. PT discussed some of the events being planned. Events are being held at Shepherd of the Valley this year. Fellowship Committee will provide one meal and the Mens Group may provide the Sunday morning breakfast.

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.**

**Eileen Hosey  
Secretary**