

Zion Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
April 26, 2016

Council Members present: Kathy Blascyk, Gretchen Chelseth, Loren Schumacher, Linda Schumacher, Willie Raisanen, Jeff Wefelmer, Cari Terrio-Johnson, Jodi Acers, Sheryl Monette. Absent: Phil Johnson

President Kathy Blascyk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m..

Pastor Loren gave a devotional reflecting on the relationship of God with Creation. "We can never stray too far from God that we can't turn around."

Agenda: three items were added to the agenda; New Wine, Kitchen coordinator and Christian Motorcyclist Association. Motion made by Gretchen, seconded by Cari to approve the agenda with the additions, motion carried.

March 22nd minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. Jodi moved, Gretchen second to approve the minutes, motion carried.

Mike Mills presented a report on the finances of the church. We are staying on budget as far as our expenditures, but falling behind on our revenue. The first three months of the year has shown a short fall of \$7,765.73 revenue. Several ideas were discussed to raise revenue. Hosted specialty meals by members will be organized by Jodi and Ruth. Money was refunded from the Affordable Care Act, \$3,378.00 will be applied toward the deficit. The interest from memorial CD's will be used to finance this summers camperships.

The council was presented with a report from the Visioning committee. Many ideas and suggestion to improve the facility were made. The council will be reviewing the report, prioritize the suggestions and discuss it at the May council meeting.

Pastors report was distributed. The pastors will be leaving Sunday the 4th and return on the 13th. Pastor Linda's brother died on the 25th. She will be conducting his funeral on May 7th our condolences to Pastor Linda.

Property committee – Money for the grids has been acquired so the remaining ceiling tiles will be installed. Questions concerning the storage shed were raised. Willie assured the council that the property committee will address these concerns.

Called to Care – Ruth reported the mentor-mentee evening with the confirmation students was very successful. 41 baby care kits were bundled for Lutheran World Relief. Pastor Loren and Linda delivered them to the warehouse in the cities. Also 7 personal care kits were assembled for LWR. Two lap blankets were finished and delivered to the teen group home in Cloquet by Alice Holm. 200 bandages were rolled for Global Health

Ministries. Jane and Tom Anderson will be delivering the bandages along with new born care kits to the warehouse in Fridley, MN. Several Seafarers ditty bag contents were assembled but need bags to complete the assemble. Thank you to all that worked to make this possible. The community garden group has been meeting. The soil has been tested and found to be good. The soil will be prepared this year with plots for planting available next year.

Education: distributed their report.

Music and Worship – distributed their report. They are planning as special service for Pentecost.

God's Work our hands – has met to start the planning for this September 18th event. Queen of Peace will host the lunch. Our Saviors will also be teaming up with us for the day.

Hunger and Justice – They are planning an event May 15th to bring attention to the world hunger issue. A video from the ELCA representative will be shown and a global “barnyard” will be the theme to stimulate interest and awareness.

Stewardship and finance – statements will be sent in May along with a letter encouraging “simple giving” and summer commitments.

Old business: The contract with *Kwik Trip* was finalized on the 18th. The purchase price of \$35,000 for the 35' of Zion property was received. The additional gift monies will be received in the near future. The council would like to thank the out-going congregations' president; Donna Houck for the excellent work she did dealing with *Kwik Trip*. Her many hours to see this completed is much appreciated.

Our Savior's Lutheran church approached Zion to participate in more dual activities. A joint committee was formed, with a suggested name; “Lutheran's do stuff”. Watch for events and opportunities in the near future.

Donors will be contacted to raise funds to match the \$3,000 grant, to increase the hours and pay for our youth director.

The council reviewed the report from the ad-hoc finance committee.

Jodi will be contacting the memorial gift committee members.

New: The monies received from the sale of the 35' to *Kwik Trip* will be tithed. The council will determine were the tithe will be distributed. After the tithe is taken off the council will prioritize how the remainder will be applied to the needs of the church.

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The many hours that Lori and Pastor Loren devoted to New Wine is much appreciated. The future of New Wine at Zion needs to be reviewed. Adult leadership is a crucial part of the success of this ministry.

Kitchen coordinator – Susan Johnson has volunteered to take on the role of kitchen coordinator. The council was pleased and gives Susan their blessings.

Christian Motorcyclist Association – would like to give a presentation to the congregation regarding their ministry. The council gave their approval for this request.

The next council meeting is scheduled for May 24th.

Gretchen called for the meeting to be adjourned, Jodi seconded the motion, meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

The council closed with the Lord's prayer.

Ruth Jorgenson, Secretary