

Zion Lutheran Church  
1000 Washington Avenue  
Cloquet, MN 55720

September 12, 2017 church council meeting

Present: Dorine Houck, Rhonda Johnson, Cari Tarrío-Johnson, Ruth Jorgenson, Jeff Wifelmeyer, Jody Acers

Absent: Bjorn Anderson, Sheryl Monette, Jason Southerton

Guests: Brenda Tibbets – ELCA NE Synod, Mike Mills

Dorine called the meeting to order at 7:05. Jody opened with prayer.

Discussion was led by Brenda Tibbets from the synod office on our plans at Zion now that Pastors Loren and Linda have retired. The need to stay within the 2017 budget and prepare the way for the 2018 budget. Brenda questioned our progress on hiring an interim pastor to help us during the time until a call is made. She reminded us to stay positive and thoughtful and continue to have good communication with the congregation and synod.

Motion made by Jody, seconded by Jeff to approve the August minutes, motion carried.

August finances – Mike reported that the offerings were short approximately, \$1,500. The check was submitted for the special offerings; “walk for water” for over \$7,000. The financial report was accepted.

The question was addressed regarding increased staff hours. The personnel committee will address this question.

The budget for the interim pastor was discussed, with recommendations made.

New business:

The old curtains in the Kids korner room are in shambles and need to be replaced. Motion made by Rhonda seconded by Jeff for the property committee to proceed with this project.

Building security concerns were discussed. The property committee will need to deliberate this concern.

SNAZE meal will be served by the council on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Cloquet Community Garden is hosting a pot-luck September 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 at Zion and the council and congregation are invited.

Motion to adjourn by Rhonda, seconded by Jodi, Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Ruth Jorgenson, secretary

