

Zion Lutheran Church
Council minutes
December 12, 2017

Present: President Dorine Houck, Jody Acers, Cari Terrio-Johnson, Jeff Wefelmeyer, Bjorn Anderson, Sheryl Monette, Jason Southerland, Ruth Jorgenson, Pastor Loren Anderson-Bauer
Guest; Mike Mills

Pastor Loren opened with a prayer and a devotion from the Keltic daily prayer book and a reading from Luke Chapter one.

Motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by Sheryl, seconded by Jeff, motion carried.

Motion by Jodi, seconded by Jason to approve the November 14th minutes, motion carried.

November financial were presented. November was a "good" month, we are \$8,185 to the good. The pledge cards have been returned from the congregation. The projected revenue from the pledge cards for 2018 will be presented at the January meeting.

Pastor's report; approximately 40 people have participated in the "table-talks" with Pastor Loren. He will be meeting with the transition team in January. A communion/visitation training will be held in January. Pastor Loren thinks Zion needs to organize the various activities, so they are under the umbrella of a council representative.

Transition Team – Eight individuals will be asked to serve on the transition team. They will be contacted soon to accept the position or deny it. The first meeting will be held in January with a goal of completing their work by May.

Committees: Called to Care - is collecting items to be distributed to the local shelters and rehabilitation centers. The distribution will be after the deadline of the 17th for collecting the items.

Education – *Snaze* and Spark worked together and presented a Christmas skit in church on the 10th of December. The skit was well received by the congregation along with the St. Lucia processional. Splash is a program for children birth to age three which will be instrumented. Confirmation parents will be working with Loren and Laura on a passion drama for Palm Sunday. Spark will restart in the New Year on January 7th.

Music – The choir and soloist presented a wonderful concert on December 10th performing parts of the "Messiah". Advent worship service continues at 12:00 with lunch following. The Christmas Eve services are scheduled for 2:00 and 4:00, with an advent service at 9:30 on the 24th.

Personnel – has a January meeting scheduled. They will be working on job descriptions and sick leave policy. They will review the salary of the cleaning person.

Property – The boilers pumps are the original pumps and need to be replaced. One estimate to replace them as well as run a gas line to the kitchen is, \$7,100. A new gas/oven combination cost will be sought. These items could be paid for out of the Kwik Trip monies. The facility use policy is being

reviewed and updated. The lower storage areas on the SE and SW corners of the building will be cleaned and organized. Any items in the rooms will be removed unless identified to keep.

Stewardship/finance – The stewardship committee needs additional members. A suggestion to have a stewardship fair this winter for the different committees to have a table and recruit new participants. The budget has been reviewed. Any additional budget items need to be in to Mike a.s.a.p. as he will be presenting the budget to the finance committee next month. A suggestion to upgrade the lounge was made, no action taken.

Old Business:

Bishop Aitkin will be conducting the service on December 17th.

Nomination for council are still being sought.

An audit committee: Kyle Terrio-Johnson, Jennifer Graham and Mike Akers will check the books in January.

The organs 90th birthday party is being planned by Vicki Anderson. The council gave her their blessings. The expenses could be taken from the organ fund.

Lutheran Social Services – have acquired a grant to pay for a leader for the “together for youth” that will be meeting at Zion.

New Wine has a meeting of the New Wine: board, Pastor Loren, Amanda and Jennifer on January 4th.

New Business:

2018 budget was summarized by Mike Mills. The budget will be submitted to the council in January and presented to the congregation at the annual meeting.

Kids Korner – informed Zion they plan on remaining for another school year, but won't be using the building in the summer. A motion to reduce the rent, by \$450, for the summer months was made by Bjorn, seconded by Jason, motion carried.

Laura Mills Anderson is in the discerning process with Wartburg seminary. The council gives her their blessings.

Motion to adjourn was made by Cari, seconded by Jeff, motion carried.
Closed with the Lord's prayer.

Next council meeting January 9th.

Ruth Jorgenson, secretary

