

Council Minutes – January 9, 2018
Zion Lutheran Church
1000 Washington Avenue
Cloquet, MN. 55720

Present: Pastor Loren Anderson-Bauer, Dorine Houck, Jason Southerton, Cari Terrio-Johnson, Sheryl Monette, Jeff Wefelmeyer, Ruth Jorgenson, Mike Mills
Absent: Jody Acres, Bjorn Anderson, Rhonda Johnson

Pastor Loren opened with devotions; from the book of Mark, church is always changing.

Motion to approve the December 12, 2017 council minutes was made by Jason, 2nd by Jeff, motion carried.

Nominations for council members to be placed on the ballot at the February 4th annual meeting are: Jason Southerton, Sheryl Monette, and one vacancy to fill. All terms are for three years.

Budget discussion; \$10,000 is set aside as a line item for expected moving expenses for the next pastors move to Zion. The ending balance in the general fund for 2017 of \$14,000. Our contributions to the various local and international missions was reviewed. More information is needed on the Casa Hogar Orphanage. The request was made to have LSS, Lutheran Social Services come and give a presentation to the council, regarding their ministries. There is not a line item for seminary support. A suggestion that as the need arises those funds could be taken from non-designated savings. The ELCA reported that 2017 had 16 disasters that needed assistances.

Motion to recommend the budget to the congregation was made by Jason, 2nd by Jeff, motion carried.

Dorine and Jason will check with Kwik-trip regarding coffee and goodies for the annual meeting.

Pastors report: the transition team has been selected and met. A two-hour workshop for the council and transition team will be in the next several weeks. A council retreat to work on the constitution and church structure is to be convened. Pastor Loren is organizing a passion drama for Palm Sunday. New Wine advisory committee met. New Wine is a Zion ministry. Pastor is giving the devotions at all practices. The need for Zion members to help with New Wine is very important and necessary. The ELCA guidelines is one adult to seven children. We need five additional adults at each of New Wine practices.

Motion to adjourn was made by Cari, seconded by Jeff. Meeting adjourned 8:45

Ruth Jorgenson, secretary

