

Zion Lutheran Church
1000 Washington Avenue,
Cloquet, MN 55720
Church Council March 13, 2018

Present: Pastor Loren Anderson-Bauer, Dorine Houck, Sheryl Monette, Bjorn Anderson, Jason Southerton, Willie Risinan, Kari Terrio-Johnson, Ruth Jorgenson, Absent: Jodi Ackers, Rhonda Johnson

Pastor lead a devotional reading from Psalm 141.

Agenda – motion by Jason to approve the agenda, seconded by Kari motion carried.

Minutes – motion to approve the February 13th minutes was made by Kari, seconded by Bjorn, motion carried.

Financial report – the month of February income was short by \$3,100, but expenses were less than budgeted, so the short fall was \$2,100. Report accepted.

Pastors report: In addition to the written report pastor reported a funeral of a former member; Dan Winters. There have been 80 responses to the survey. The transition team is tabulating the survey responses. The visitation team of eight, is up and “running”. There are 20 individuals on the visitation list. SNAZE is going well. Pastor gave an adjusted member report to the ELCA, reporting membership of Zion is approximately 590. The Saturday council retreat went well. The organizing of Zion’s many ministries and committees is being charted and will be available soon.

Old Business:

#Audit – the audit of the church books was completed.

#LSS – The “together for youth” funding has been secured, a leader for the group is being interviewed by LSS, so the program will be starting soon for area youth.

#New Wine- The advisory board met Sunday, which is made up of Zion members as well as other area adults. 59 youth from the area are involved in the production. The coffee hour and tour are being planned. The treasurer has stepped down and a new volunteer is being sought. Overview of the finances is necessary by the New Wine board and will be reported to the council. A monthly report will be made of the program and finances.

#Seminary Scholarship – Discussion was had, on how to establish a scholarship for Zion members interested in attending a seminary. Also, there was discussion on the high school senior scholarship, Dorine will talk with Mike regarding the senior scholarship and how that is handled.

Collaboration between Our Saviors and Zion – Dorine, Pastor Loren and Sheryl met with OSL regarding partnerships in ministries. The proposal to make a joint Youth Board between the two congregations was discussed. A motion by Willie, seconded by Bjorn to proceed with the formation of a joint youth board and to inform the congregation was made and passed.

New Business:

Review Youth Policy – The youth policy added a few items to be in line with the recommendations from the ELCA. A motion to accept the youth policy with the addition was made by Jason, seconded by Kari, motion carried.

Wood City festival – no action was taken.

Committee reports:

Property – The kitchen stoves have been measured and will be ordered when the prep work is completed. Window shades have been installed in the lower level for Kids Korner class rooms. A request to mount handicap door openers for the front door has been made. The committee will investigate what is required. One pump for the furnace failed. The pumps are the original equipment, new pumps have been ordered. An electrician is needed to find the electrical wiring problem with the exit lights. The church has received a rebate from Minnesota Power for installing energy efficient light bulbs. The apple orchard trees have been pruned.

Personnel – will be working on job descriptions, expectations, and performance evaluations.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kari, seconded by Willie, motion carried, meeting was adjourned at 8:40. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting; April 10, 2018

Ruth Jorgenson, secretary