

Zion Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
August 30, 2016

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

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

Pastor Linda gave a devotional recapping what they've learned in the recent seminar they attended, "Jesus and Following Jesus: How Zion is following Jesus." Discussion followed about "shifts" in the church.

Agenda: Cheryl Monette asked to add an agenda item regarding LSS Together for Youth. Motion made by Jeff, seconded by Cari to approve the agenda with the additions, motion carried.

June 2016 minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. Gretchen moved, Cari 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 \$13,900 revenue. (\$2,700 less than last year.) It was also reported that \$10,000 was given to the general fund from the estate of Floyd Rudy.

Pastors report was distributed. Pastor's have spent a lot of time calling on families, doing funerals, and attending conferences. There is excitement in planning the new fall classes and services.

Called to Care – Ruth prepared a report on the GWOH meeting for the committee, accepted as written. Sign-up sheets for the various projects to be done September 17 are in the narthex.

Education: Faith Formation and confirmation has shifted from Wednesday to Sunday. The roll out of the new programming will begin October 2016 with all programs and worship on Sunday evening beginning at 4:00 pm. Dinner will be served. (9:30 am services will resume as usual.)

Property committee –Loren reported that the remaining tiles need to be installed, Jeff thought he might start this weekend. Discussion followed about storage on the property, building storage in the Social Hall, and the sheds outside.

Personnel: Regretfully, Phil Johnson has resigned from the board. Kathy accepted his resignation. At this point it is appropriate not to fill his seat until next elections in 2017. Discussion followed about staff salaries. (Jody was excused.)

Music and Worship – distributed their report. Gretchen and Dan are planning a concert for Sunday, September 11, 2016.

Stewardship and finance –report was given.

Old business:

Dinners and ideas for fall: “Service Auction” will be held at Zion. Plans are underway to contact participants and set up tables for two weeks, beginning October 1st, and ending October 16th. Jody is point person.

Matching funds for Youth Ministry: Jody and Kathi have found the \$3,000 in matching funds. Checks to be written shortly!

AED defibrillator: Tables until next meeting

Kwik Trip money: We are tithing. We are starting to discern how to spend the money from Kwik Trip. Ideas from members include Endowment Fund, Parking needs, and Mike Mills wrote a short memo on suggestions. Council approved \$1,000 to the Global Barnyard project. Gretchen made a motion to approve the funding, Jeff 2nd. Motion carried.

New Wine Ministry: Coordinators are needed for the 2017-18 season. New Wine has been very busy doing additional performances this summer.

Memorial Gifts Committee: Jody is the point person, and will be organizing the committee.

Called to Care Committee:. Due to the success of the committee, additional storage is needed. It was decided to get a quote for cupboards and shelving in the small corner in the social hall from Hagen’s, just to get an idea of what the cost would be. Additional bids are also welcome.

New Business:

LSS Together for Youth: Cheryl reported on the group, and how our space might benefit a GLBT group of teens wishing for a safe place to meet. Discussion followed, and it was decided to invite the coordinator of the program to tour our building and give additional information.

Council Meetings: We have changed the day of Council meetings to the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is September 13 at 7:00. Council also plans to have a mini-retreat at Kathy’s house on Tuesday, September 27th at 6:30 pm.

Gretchen called for the meeting to be adjourned, Jodi seconded the motion, meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

The council closed with the Lord’s prayer.

Jody Acers, Acting Secretary