

**MINUTES of ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING**  
January 15, 2015

The Meeting was called to order by President Phil Johnson at 8:10 p.m.

Members Present – Kathy Blascyk, Gretchen Chelseth, Dorine Houck, David Johnson, Phil Johnson, Mike Mills, Pastor Linda Schumacher, Pastor Loren Schumacher, Bonnie Walker

Devotions presented by Pastor Loren.

Approval of Agenda: With the addition of one item, a motion was made by Gretchen, and seconded by Dave, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Kathy, and seconded by Gretchen, to approve the minutes of the Nov 18<sup>th</sup> and Dec 14<sup>th</sup> meetings. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer, Mike Mills presented the Financial Reports. December was an extraordinary month, revenue exceeded expenses by \$11,928.04. The FY2014 General Fund ending balance is \$2,707.35. The long-term General Fund deficit carried from year-to-year has been completely erased. At this point, we have an overall positive General Fund Balance of \$6,860.97. Approval of Treasurer's Report: Motion was made by Gretchen, seconded by Kathy, to approve the report. Motion carried.

*Motion:* Moved by Mike, seconded by Gretchen, that Pastors Loren and Linda each be given a stipend of \$1,000. Motion carried.

*Motion:* Moved by Dave, seconded by Bonnie, that the FY 2015 budget of \$234,268 be presented to the congregation as proposed. Motion carried.

Discussed forming an audit committee to review FY2014 accounts to ensure transparency and accountability. Mike will talk with members of the congregation for participation.

**Pastors Report** – December was a very busy month. Pastor Linda accepted request to serve on the Cloquet Housing Initiative Team. A staff retreat is planned for Jan 20<sup>th</sup>. New Wine 2015 is underway.

**Old Business**

The Council Nominating Committee has three recommendations for Church Council to replace/re-elect the following members: Tom and Trish Chepokas, Phil Johnson.

A great big "Thank You" to Dave Johnson for his experience and effort on another successful Christmas dinner.

**New Business**

*Motion:* Moved by Gretchen, seconded by Dave, to approve Jim Sceetz as the new Choir Director and compensation that is already in the budget. Motion carried.

*Motion:* Moved by Dave, seconded by Gretchen, to increase wage for the Newsletter Editor to \$10 per hour, already in the budget. Motion carried.

Discussed the upcoming WELCA Kettle River Conference. Zion has been asked to host this event scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>.

*Motion:* Moved by Gretchen, seconded by Dave, to change Council monthly meetings to the fourth Tuesday of the month. Motion carried.

The new Church Council will serve Soup Supper at the first Wednesday of the Lenten Season, Feb 18<sup>th</sup>.

Reviewed agenda for upcoming annual meeting, Sunday, Feb 1, 2015.

The next Council meeting will be on February 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Dave, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm. Motion carried. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by

Dorine Houck, Council Member