

Zion Lutheran Church – Cloquet, Minnesota
Church Council meeting – February 14, 2017

Council members in attendance: Pastor Linda, Jeff Wefelmeyer, Cari Terrio-Johnson, Sheryl Monette, Ruth Jorgenson, Jody Acers, Jason Southerton, Bjorn Anderson, Dorine Houck, Rhonda Johnson. Pastor Loren absent due to pastoral call.

V.P. Cari Terrio-Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Nominations for new council president were taken from the floor. Ruth Jorgenson and Jeff Wefelmeyer were nominated but both declined. Sheryl Monette was nominated as president and Dorine Houck as V.P. they accepted the nomination. Motion made by Dorine, seconded by Jody to unanimously accept these candidate, motion carried.

Devotions: Pastor Linda shared a devotion from “working preachers” on the gospel of Matthew. We are not called to be perfect but called to be “persistent” in our goal to follow Jesus’ teachings.

Cari Terrio-Johnson was nominated for treasurer liaison, and Ruth Jorgenson was asked to continue as secretary, a motion to accept the nominations was made by Jody, seconded by Jeff, motion carried.

The ministries of Zion are a blessing to many. The need for additional visitation to our elderly and home bound was addressed. A visitation team as a sub-committee of Called to Care has been added. Rhonda will head up this group.

The ministry teams will have representation on the council as follows:

- Education – Cari Terrio-Johnson, Rhonda Johnson
- Worship and Music – Bjorn Anderson
- Personnel – Dorine Houck
- Property – Jason Southerton
- Stewardship – Jeff Wefelmeyer
- Endowment – Dorine Houck
- Called to Care – Ruth Jorgenson
- Visitation – Rhonda Johnson

Reports: Pastors report for the past month was distributed in written form. It was reviewed by council.

Stewardship and finance – the “snow-flake” campaign to raise matching funds begins now and will run through the month of March. A gift of \$5,000 was given to kick of the matching campaign for the general fund.

Called to Care – the sub-committee; Cloquet Community Garden, is meeting monthly. They are seeking donations for the needed: fencing, paving stones, soil for the handicap raised beds, and tools. Local organizations have been contacted for donations. Called to Care has been asked to provide the “activity” for SNAZE on March 12th.

Education – SNAZE (Sunday night at Zion for Everyone) has re-started a new eight-week session. The average attendance at the first session was 50-70 individuals. The evening

meals main dish is catered by B&B. The various Zion ministry teams have been asked to provide the remaining portion of the meal. The property ministry will provide side dishes to the meal this Sunday. February 26th meal needs are being taken care of by: Jeff, Jodi, and Cari.

Music and Worship – the meeting was cancelled because of a funeral conflict. Lent services are being planned. Zion will coordinate with Our Saviors Lutheran and the Presbyterian church for the: Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday services, Maundy Thursday will be at Zion.

Personnel – Gary Terrio, Bob Nelson, Tracy Napper and Dorine Houck are on this ministry team and will be working on job descriptions for the various positions at Zion.

Property – Carpeting for the sanctuary is being acquired. The need for handicap parking must be addressed, looking at all options.

Stewardship finance – January offerings exceeded the expenses. The expenses were close to budget projections.

Old Business: Lutheran Social Services (LSS) has applied for a grant to cover the cost of staffing a safe meeting place for a teen support group to meet at Zion on a weekly basis.

New Business: A thank you to all the council members that fulfilled serving their terms, to the council members that continue and to the new council members that make up this ministry team.

Time and date for the council meetings will remain on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The minutes will be posted on the bulletin board and on line as soon as they are available.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jody, seconded by Cari, meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Ruth Jorgenson, secretary