

Zion Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes  
May 24, 2016

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

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

Pastor Linda read Psalm 96 and shared a devotional from the book, "Psalms throughout the year". Our minds are often negative regarding judgment, but the Psalmist sings of the Joy of God's judgment and the equity and truth of it.

Motion made by Jeff, seconded by Willie to approve the agenda with one addition; A.E.D. to New Business, motion carried.

Minutes from April 26, 2016 had been distributed prior to the meeting. Motion made by Cheryl seconded by Jeff to approve the minutes.

Financial report was sent prior to the meeting. Willie reviewed the report, stating we received a tax refund, but the contributions are \$8,500 below the budget. The monies from Kwik Trip have been received; \$36,000 for the 35' driveway area and \$35,000 donation. A thank you has been sent to Kwik Trip's president. Billy moved we accept the financial report, Cheryl seconded, the council voted to accept the report.

Visioning – tabled until June.

Pastors Report – see attachment

Committee reports –

Called to Care – Request for Baby Care items have been placed in the newsletter and bulletins. God's Work our Hands has been meeting. Three congregations: Zion, Our Saviors and Queen of Peace will be working together on the event. The City of Cloquet and Carlton have been contacted regarding work projects for GWOH. The Cloquet Community Garden at Zion (CCGZ) had a meeting this past week. The garden has been tilled twice, will be tilled once more before a cover crop will be seeded. An ATV has run through the area, so fencing might be needed this year. A request for grants has been made through Kwik Trip and the ELCA.

Education – No sparks this summer. Summer Stretch is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup>, 3:00. The event will be for adults to work on projects on sight followed by dinner out.

Worship and Music – We will be celebrating the 500 year of the Reformation from this October through October 2017. The "Old Lutheran" retail site has items to purchase celebrating being a "Lutheran". Zion will purchase a "bundle" of items to be resold to our members. Fair Trade items such as coffee and chocolates will also be available for purchase.

Property – The basement ceiling will be removed from the South Side of the classrooms, except for the office, hallway and nursery. The replacement tiles would be put into place following the demolition of the old. Kathy reported the electrical system needs inspection as they were unsuccessful using electrical out-lets in the narthex for their coffee/curb side fund raiser. Also, Sheryl reported New Wine had trouble with the electrical system blowing fuses. It was requested that the property committee check into this concern.

Stewardship and finance – Quarterly statements have been sent to the congregation. A letter of encouragement was included with the statements. Pastor Loren mentioned that many web-sites have “donation” buttons available to contribute to the organization on-line. The need to up-date our giving choices was discussed and needs to be explored further.

#### Old Business:

Kathy reported the curb side coffee/muffin event was successful and will be repeated. The next scheduled date for curb side coffee/muffin will be June 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-10:30 a.m. Lunches, dinners, progressive dinners will be scheduled this summer and fall. More information will be coming out regarding these events to help bring down the deficit.

Our Saviors Lutheran and Zion are planning an outreach event quarterly and social event twice a year. Jean Terrio, Dorine Houck and Kathy Blascyk are the Zion representatives. Pastor Linda mentioned that the assistant to the Bishop is a good resource for planning such events.

No report on the matching funds or the memorial committee activity as Jodi was absent due to a family health issue.

#### New business:

The monies have been received from Kwik Trip. The title of these funds will be discussed with an emphasis on our “guiding principles: faith, welcome, service”. Ideas will be gathered and discussed. Temple talks, faith sharing, interviews are all suggestions to explore for the congregation to hear “why” do we do what we do.

Synod Assembly – Kathy enthusiastically shared regarding her experience at the synod assembly as Zion’s representative along with our Pastors and Gretchen Chelseth. One of the items Kathy took away from the assembly was the presentation on “wondering”. We need to spend time wondering why do we follow Jesus? How does this translate into our faith formation and missions?

A.E.D. – Sheryl brought up the need to have an automated external defibrillator present on the church property. Grants and donations will be explored.

Motion made by Willie, seconded by Cari to adjourn, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00. Next council meeting: June 28, 2016

Ruth Jorgenson, secretary