

**ZION LUTHERN CHURCH
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**Zion Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
February 23, 2016**

Members Present: Jody Acers, Kathy Blascyk, Gretchen Chelseth, Phil Johnson, Ruth Jorgenson, Sheryl Monette, Willie Raisanen, Cari Terrio-Johnson, Jeff Wefelmeyer, Pastor Linda Schumacher and Pastor Loren Schumacher.

Absent:

Meeting called to order by Vice President Kathy at 7:00 p.m.

Kathy welcomed the new members to the council. A membership roster was handed out.

Devotions were given by Pastor Loren. The theme was "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself." Pastor asked isn't that what we are all about.

Kathy asked for nominations for the position of council president.

Phil nominated Kathy Blascyk as Council President for 2016. The nomination was seconded by Gretchen. The nomination motion passed unanimously.

Kathy assumed the leadership position.

Kathy requested nominations for the position of council vice president.

Jody nominated Cari as Council Vice President for 2016. The nomination was seconded by Sheryl. The nomination motion passed unanimously.

Kathy requested nominations for the position of council secretary.

Jeff nominated Phil as Council Secretary for 2016. The nomination was seconded by Jody. The nomination motion passed unanimously.

Kathy requested nominations for the position of council treasurer.

Sheryl nominated Willie as Council Treasurer for 2016. The nomination was seconded by Jeff. The nomination motion passed unanimously.

Gretchen moved and the motion was seconded by Ruth for the approval of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Phil moved and the motion was seconded by Jeff to approve the minutes of the council meeting held January 26, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

Willie reported on the finance ministry. The month of January had a balance of **(\$3,111.84)** Emphasis was on the end of January 2016, Year to Date Profit/Loss Statement Balance in the amount of **(\$3,111.84)** as compared to January 2015, Profit/Loss Statement Balance in the amount of **(\$3,271.98)**

Willie moved and the motion was seconded by Gretchen for the approval of the finance report. The motion passed unanimously.

Council members discussed the visioning process. Ruth mentioned that a community group was looking in to setting up a community soup kitchen. The council was supportive. Sheryl brought up her efforts on the use of ZLC by a potential LGBT group. The council continues to be supportive. Phil brought up a vision of enhancing the aesthetics of the ZLC physical plant to make the church more welcoming. A committee was formed comprised of Phil, Gretchen, Willie, Sheryl, and other ZLC members. They would meet and report back. As a sidebar Jody volunteered to lead getting the narthex beautified. Jody would organize a Memorial Committee to review expenses of the memorial funds.

Pastors Linda & Loren gave the pastoral report for February. They reported orally. It was mentioned that the 11:00 a.m. Wednesday service was attended by 20 people. They had visited a few members in hospice. There appears to be a great deal of interest in the bible study "My Neighbor is Muslim." New wine is under way and the production is "Children of Eden."

Ruth reported on behalf of the Called to Care Ministry. She noted two scheduled workdays that produced items for various areas of world relief such as "Sundresses for Haiti."

Kathy reported on the Christian Education Ministry. Notes from the meeting held Friday, February 19, 2016 were distributed. She emphasized the High School mission trip to the Twin Cities, A BWCA trip, and Day Camp working together with Bethesda and Our Saviors.

Gretchen reported that the Worship & Music Ministry did not meet this month. There is a Seder meal planed with OSL during holy week.

Phil reported that there had been no Personnel Ministry Meeting since the last council meeting.

Willie and Phil reported on the Property Ministry meeting held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016. Notes from the meeting were distributed. The ceiling in the north classrooms is under progress.

Jeff reported that no Stewardship Ministry meeting had not been held since the last council meeting.

Old Business:

The council was reminded that they were committed to serve soup supper on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

A Kwik Trip update was given. Members were asked to contact city council members. Council members were urged to contact city council members.

Youth Ministry matching fund sources were discussed. Sheryl moved and the motion was seconded by Jeff to increase the Youth Directors time from 20 hours per week to 25 hours per week, to increase the salary from \$13 per hour to \$14 per hour. This would be effective immediately and for 2016 and 2017 but contingent upon the Kid's Corner program continuing to pay rent. The money from the \$3,000 donation would be matched by parishioners at a later date this year and the process would be replicated in 2017. The motion passed with eight ayes and one nay.

An update was given on the community garden and a printed recommendation was handed out. Phil moved and the motion was seconded by Jody to approve the presented plan and award the predetermined funds in the amount of \$1,000 raised from God's Work Our Hands. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

The cleaning of the Church was discussed in relation to the hours of the upstairs custodian. Jody moved and the motion was seconded by Gretchen to retain Savannah as the upstairs custodian for 12 hours per week and seek a special events custodian to average 3 hours per week. Church rent costs would be reviewed to raise the needed funds to pay for the 3 hours needed for special events. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathy reported the current and past presidents from OSL and ZLC had meet and would continue to meet. Possible collaboration was and will be the topic of discussion. The youth program directors would be included. Youth programs and God's Work our Hands were specific topics discussed.

Prayer by the council was discussed. It was determined that the council would meet 5-10 minutes prior to council meetings to pray.

It was announced that ZLC may receive a \$3,000 insurance rebate from 2012 and 2013 due to providing insurance as required under the Affordable Care Act.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Jody moved and the motion was seconded by Cari to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

President Kathy adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. The adjournment was followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Phil Johnson