

**ZION LUTHERN CHURCH
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Zion Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
Tuesday, March 22, 2016

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

Absent: Kathy Blasyck, Jeff Wefelmeyer

Meeting called to order by Vice President Cari at 7:05 p.m.

Devotions were given by Pastor Loren. The theme was The bible is a subversive text not written by those with power and money. It is written by outsiders. The outsider is the one chosen by God.

Phil moved and the motion was seconded by Sheryl for the approval of the agenda with two additions under New Business. The motion passed unanimously.

Phil moved and the motion was seconded by Jody to approve the minutes of the council meeting held February 23, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

Willie reported on the finance ministry. The month of February had a balance of (\$4,001.93) Emphasis was on the end of February 2016, Year to Date Profit/Loss Statement Balance in the amount of (\$4,673.09) as compared to February 2015, Profit/Loss Statement Balance in the amount of (\$7,113.77) With the year to date General Fund Balance at (\$6,993.03) as compared to (\$8,719.66) one year ago. Gretchen moved and the motion was seconded by Willie for the approval of the finance report. The motion passed unanimously.

Council members discussed the visioning process. Outreach was mentioned. For example; working together with OSLC during the Holy Week. This includes the Seder meal on Thursday and the Prayer Walk on Thursday and Friday.

Pastors Linda & Loren gave the pastoral report for February. A written report was handed out. They have been working hard with OSLC on Holy Week. Questions on items such as Young Life were answered.

Ruth reported on behalf of the Called to Care Ministry. She noted that the core group for the raised garden beds had met in March and would do a walk around in April. Kits have been sent to Global Health Ministries.

Linda reported on the Christian Education Ministry. Notes from the meeting dated Friday, March 18, 2016 were handed out. She mentioned that the first meeting for God's Work Our Hands has been scheduled for April 15, 2016.

Gretchen reported that the Worship & Music Ministry had met and handed out notes from the meeting held on Sunday, March 13, 2016. She mentioned that discussion on Lenten Midweek service and the dwindling attendance at the evening service had taken place. She also mentioned that planning is taking place for Pentecost Sunday and New Wine Sunday.

Phil reported that there had been no Personnel Ministry Meeting since the last council meeting. Linda reported on the use of the new custodial position.

Willie and Phil reported on the Property Ministry. Phil read from the notes of the Property Ministry meeting held Wednesday, March 2, 2016. The ceiling in the north classrooms is now complete.

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

Old Business:

A Kwik Trip update was given. Pastors urged council members to contact city council members with their opinion.

Phil reported on the committee to make the ZLC facility more inviting. Notes were handed out from a meeting held on Friday, March 18, 2016. A meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2016.

Jody & Gretchen reported on the cleaning of the Narthex would take place.

Notes from the Ad Hoc Financial committee were handed out. Council members were asked to review each recommendation and report their own opinion on each recommendation.

Jody will update the council on reestablishing the Memorials committee at the April meeting.

New Business:

Phil asked whether or not summer hours for the office secretary should remain at 20 hours or should be reduced to 16. The pastors would discuss this with Janice.

Phil announced that he was resigning as secretary for the Church Council due to going back to work. Ruth volunteered for the position. Willie moved and the motion was seconded by Sheryl to appoint Ruth as ZLC Council Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is set for Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

Ruth moved and the motion was seconded by Gretchen to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Cari adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m. The adjournment was followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Phil Johnson