

**ZION LUTHERN CHURCH  
1000 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
CLOQUET, MN 55720**

Church Council Minutes  
Tuesday, August 25, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Kathy Blascyk, Gretchen Chelseth, Dorine Houck, David Johnson, Phil Johnson, Sheryl Monette, Willie Raisanen, Bonnie Walker, Jeff Wefelmeyer, Pastor Linda Schumacher, Pastor Loren Schumacher.

Members Absent: None

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

Devotions were given by Pastor Linda, she read from Mark, Jesus performed a miracle as he calmed the sea. Jesus asked the disciples to change. People fear miracles because they fear change. The disciples feared change at first. What is the miracle that will change our congregation.

Phil moved and the motion was seconded by Jeff for the approval of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Mills presented a six month update. Emphasis was on the National Youth Gathering in Detroit, summer camp participation and Day camp. The council appeared to be impressed with the National Youth Gathering information.

Phil moved and the motion was seconded by Willie to approve the minutes of June 23, 2015 council meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Pastors Loren and Linda presented an update on the visioning process. They discussed the importance of how can we be there for our community? God's work Our Hands and the Community Garden was discussed. Preliminary survey results were read. Raised Garden's at the Salvation Army were mentioned.

Pastors Linda & Loren gave the pastoral report for July and August. They stated that it has been a very busy couple of months. They reported on the Rethinking Confirmation conference at Luther. Each church was asked to make one change to their confirmation program. The ZLC change will be to find ways to connect our confirmation students to the rest of the congregation. The pastors also reported that seventh grade families are being contacted for confirmation.

Dorine and Sheryl reported on behalf of the Called to Care Ministry. Emphasis was on God's Work Our Hands to be held on September 20, 2015. The committee has been working on projects for the event.

Linda reported on the Christian Education Ministry. It was noted that Rally Wednesday is scheduled for September 16, 2015. This marks the start of fall classes and teachers are committed.

Dave moved and the motion was seconded by Gretchen to approve the Finance Report as presented by Treasurer Willie Raisanen. The motion passed unanimously. The month of July had a balance of (\$4,299.26.) Emphasis was on the end of July, Year to Date General Fund Balance in the amount of (\$21,213.45) as compared to July 2014, Year to Date General Fund Balance in the amount of (\$15,702.46). It was determined that discussion on planning for this deficit would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Phil reported that there has been no Personnel Ministry meeting since our last council meeting. However an issue on jury duty was discussed.

Dave, Willie and Phil reported on the Property Ministry meeting held August 12, 2015. Notes were handed out for the July 1, 2015 meeting. The Junipers were trimmed after the August meeting. Phil has delivered a letter of thanks to USG. The next meeting will consist of stripping the parking lot. Notes for the meeting held on July 1, 2015 were handed out.

Jeff, Pastors Loren and Linda reported on the Stewardship Ministry noting that August emphasis is on Family and a float a thon would be held on Saturday, August 29, 2015. Handouts were given of notes from meetings held on July 28, 2015 and August 4, 2015.

Gretchen reported that the Worship & Music Ministry had met on August 23, 2015 and notes were handed out. Gretchen emphasized that choir was starting up again this week.

Under Old Business;

Bulletin board update Willie agreed to frame and Jeff would provide the wood.

Linda updated the council on the update on the picture directory. Jody Acers has taken this project on and it will be called Zion's Family Photo Album.

Under New Business it was determined that the financial secretary would be a second signer on checks.

Phil moved the following resolution and it was seconded by Gretchen. The motion passed unanimously.

WHEREAS, the Church Council has determined it to be in the best interest of Zion Lutheran Church to establish an account specifically for youth activities with Member's Cooperative Credit Union.

RESOLVED, that Laura Anderson, Youth Director of the Zion Lutheran Church, is hereby authorized to establish an account with Member's Cooperative Credit Union to use for youth activities. The Youth Director is authorized to have a debit card for accessing the account. An additional signer on the account will be Michael Mills, Bookkeeper, Zion Lutheran Church.

The Next Meeting to be held Tuesday, September 22, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. There were no new Agenda items for August given at this time. One had been given under the financial report.

Willie moved for adjournment and the motion was seconded by Sheryl. The motion passed unanimously. President Dorine adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m. The adjournment was followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Phil Johnson