

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

Church Council Minutes
Tuesday, March 24, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Sheryl Monette

President Dorine called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Devotions were given by Pastor Loren. He talked about the Story that is for us. That is the story of Jesus going to the cross for us.

Dave moved and the motion was seconded by Willie for the approval of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Phil moved and the motion was seconded by Kathy to approve the minutes of February 24, 2015 council meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Gretchen moved and the motion was seconded by Jeff to approve the Finance Report as presented by Treasurer Willie Raisanen. The motion passed unanimously. Emphasis was on the end of February Deficit in the amount of **(\$7,719.66)** as compared to February 2014 in the amount of **(\$8,939.01.)**

Pastors Loren and Linda presented an update on the visioning process. They discussed information from the Stewardship Ministry. Next month they will introduce the concept of Let your light shine illustrated by a wheel with spokes.

Pastors Linda & Loren gave the pastoral report for March. Emphasis was on upcoming weddings hospital visitations and reaching out to family and friends in need with a service at the funeral home with a needed social gathering afterwards in the ZLC social hall.

Dorine reported on behalf of the Called to Care Ministry. Emphasis was on trying to get some formality to the ministry. An example of this is that they are working on a yearly calendar. The special day for God's Work Our Hands will be September 20, 2015. Ruth is putting together a task force for the raised garden beds. The quilting marathon is coming up this Saturday.

Pastor Linda reported on behalf of the Christian Education Ministry. It was noted that there will be a point person on Sunday's for education to ensure safety and welcome new families. Laura is leading little lambs which is a way of helping the little ones know that this is their church.

Phil reported on the Personnel Ministry meeting held Thursday, March 19, 2015. The council acted upon three recommendations by the personnel ministry;

Dave moved and the motion was seconded by Bonnie to approve the use of an electronic time sheet. The motion passed unanimously.

Willie moved and the motion was seconded by Jeff to approve to raise the Youth Director's wage from \$12 per hour to \$13 per hour. The motion passed unanimously.

Gretchen moved and the motion was seconded by Dave to approve the extra hours to of the Youth Director to attend the National Youth Gathering and such future meetings as recommended by the personnel ministry. The motion passed unanimously.

Dave, Willie, and Phil reported on the Property Ministry meeting held March 4, 2015. The Ministry is exploring the possibility of redoing the ceiling tile on the entire lower level plus upstairs hallway. Mike Mills has received the check for the LED bulb installment.

Jeff, Pastors Loren and Linda reported on the Stewardship Ministry meetings held March 17 & 20, 2015. This was presented under visioning above. They are working on the next step for Zion Has Talent. Ideas are welcome. "Bring Out The Colors" as we are going public with this.

Gretchen reported on the Worship & Music ministry meeting held Thursday, February 26, 2015. Members of the Presbyterian Choir will join the ZLC choir this week at Zion. The combined group will present at a later date at the Presbyterian Church.

Under Old Business;

Pastor Linda updated informed the council that there was no update on the Funeral Coordinator.

Dorine reported that the Constitution and By-Laws needed to be signed in order to be put into action. Phil would sign.

Dorine gave an update on a church directory. There were two options; one was an online directory for \$10 per month at www.instantchurchdirectory.com. The other was just to do it electronically ourselves. Consensus was to do it ourselves.

Dave Johnson informed the council that the Spaghetti dinner grossed about \$3,000 with less than \$500 in expenses. The proceeds go to New Wine. The council appreciates Dave's direction of this fun activity.

Under New Business:

Dorine reported that the ZLC website now contains council members' contact information. The consensus was to leave the information on the website.

Dorine informed the council of an issue with Facebook. The consensus was not to respond.

Dave Johnson provided information on the Easter Brunch.

The Next Meeting to be held Tuesday, April 28, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. There were no new Agenda items for April given at this time.

Dave moved for adjournment and the motion was seconded by Gretchen. The motion passed unanimously. President Dorine adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m. The adjournment was followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Phil Johnson