

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

**Church Council Minutes**

**Tuesday, November 24, 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:

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

Devotions were given by Pastor Linda; she read from Matthew 25 and tied it to the current world tragedy. That is, we must care for those in need. She also quoted Desmond Tutu emphasizing that we are all one family and God being true to God himself. She emphasized we must care for **all** those in need.

Kathy moved and the motion was seconded by Dave for the approval of the agenda with an addition of prospective council members under new business. The motion passed unanimously.

Phil moved and the motion was seconded by Jeff to approve the minutes of October 27, 2015 council meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Pastors and council members discussed the visioning process. It was mentioned that the food donation challenge has been fun with the Wednesday service leading the way. It was mentioned by a council member that a group (LGBT youth) that we serve needs support. Could ZLC be a location for them? Through much discussion the council appeared to be supportive. More discussion will be needed.

Pastors Linda & Loren gave the pastoral report for November. A printed report was given and oral reports were given on funerals, a new member, pastor's vacation and one member's desire to give a sermon. It was again a very busy month. Questions were asked regarding snow shoveling volunteers and this task being removed from the custodian's job description.

Dorine and Kathy reported on behalf of the Called to Care Ministry. Notes from the Community Garden meeting held on November 9, 2015 were distributed and discussed. Healthy home grown vegetation as a need for many was emphasized.

Kathy reported on the Christian Education Ministry. Notes from the meeting held November 20, 2015 were distributed. She emphasized significant improvements in the Saint Lucia service and responded to questions on the Christmas Program under Faith Formation. Under Confirmation it was noted that confirmation is going well. Six students just finished a middle school weekend at Cragun's.

Willie reported on the finance ministry. The month of October had a balance of \$5,395.04. Emphasis was on the end of October, General Fund Balance in the amount of **(\$11,786.46)** as compared to October 2014, General Fund Balance in the amount of **(\$11,266.87)**.

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

Dorine gave an update in the Financial Deficit Ad Hoc committee. They will meet Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Dorine. Financial information has been provided by Mike, Paul and Barry.

Phil reported that there has been no Personnel Ministry meeting since our last council meeting.

Dave, Willie and Phil reported on the Property Ministry meeting held November 4, 2015. It was a working session thus no notes were taken. The north classrooms are the current project. This will be followed by ceiling tiles and lighting in south classrooms.

Jeff, Pastors Loren and Linda reported on the Stewardship Ministry. The update was given on the giving tree. This has gone well. Pledge cards were turned in on Sunday, November 22, 2015.

Gretchen reported that the Worship & Music Ministry had met on Thursday, November 17, 2015. Notes were distributed. Holding the Thanksgiving service on Tuesday with Our Saviors in 2016, was mentioned as well as an update on Lenten Services for midweek. Information was given regarding replacements for the pastors when they are out of Town on January 3 and 10, 2016.

Under Old Business;

Linda reported on the new/used copy machine. It was noted that a posting of instructions was needed.

Dorine reported on updates with a possible sale of property to Kwik Trip.

The steak tips supper revival was revisited. This will be brought up at the annual meeting on February 7, 2016.

Under New Business;

Potential council members were presented. Phil moved and the motion was seconded by Sheryl to approve a slate of candidates including Ruth Jorgenson and Cari Terrio-Johnson. One more candidate will need to be presented prior to the annual meeting.

An anonymous letter had been received about parking on the north side of Washington Avenue during service and the obstruction of sight. Consensus appeared to be that it needed to be dealt with.

The Next Meeting to be held Tuesday, January 26, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. There were no new Agenda items for January given at this time.

President Dorine adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The adjournment was followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Phil Johnson