

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

**Zion Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
January 26, 2016**

Members Present: Dorine Houck, Bill Raisanen, Kathy Blascyk, Loren Schumacher, Linda Schumacher, Sheryl Monette, Jeff Wefelmeyer, Bonnie Wold, Gretchen Chelseth

Absent: Dave Johnson, Phil Johnson

Meeting called to order by President Dorine at 7:20 pm

Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Agenda for the Annual Meeting
Annual Meeting will be held on February 7, 2016. Brunch will be served by Dave Johnson and his crew.
Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept Jodie Acres as a candidate for the council. This will be voted on at the annual meeting. We now have our 3 candidates

Council Wrap Up for the Year and what will continue as business in the coming year.

A Visioning- We will continue to look for ways that Zion can be there for our community

B. Ad Hoc Financial Solutions Committee- Council will look at the recommendation given to us by this ad hoc group and how we may want to implement their suggestions this coming year

C. Kwik Trip – We will be closing on the deal with Kwik Trip in the coming months. (FYI Our legal name as of 1959 is Zion Lutheran Evangelical Church of Cloquet).

D. Youth Ministry Financial Donation- We have been given a \$3,000.00 matching donation from a member of our congregation to help expand our youth program. Council will be looking at avenues for the additional money needed to match the donation. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the youth matching funds to increase the compensation package and youth ministry program here at Zion. We will continue to work on this at our upcoming meetings.

Community Garden – Report was sent to council by the committee working on this. They would like to start with 10 plots. Some of initial work has been done and they are ready to move ahead. We will continue to discuss at next meeting in February.

Motion was made, seconded and passed for the Council to serve the soup supper on March 2nd

It was reported that during Holy Week we will be participating with Our Saviors we will have a Seder on Maundy Thursday at Our Saviors and a Prayer Labyrinth and services at Zion on Good Friday.

New Business:

Endowment Fund- Will be working on rejuvenating the Endowment Fund Committee. Right now only Bob Nelson serves on this committee. He will speak about this at the Annual Meeting along with handing out a

brochure about the program We will need to add to our By-laws this Committee of Zion. This will be done at the Annual Meeting in 2017 as certain protocols are needed to be implemented for a congregational vote. 5 members will be needed 3 elected, 1 selected by council and a Pastor. We will continue to work on this in the coming year.

Motion was made to continue the Campership Scholarship program this year for all youth who wish to participate in the camp program. Those who receive money will then give back to Zion with service hour, 1 hour per day of camp. Motion was seconded and passed.

Example would be full week of camp 5 hours of service. ½ week of camp 3 hours and 1 day at camp 1 hour.

A special thank you to Dorine, Bonnie and Dave who will leave the council this year.. All have given so much of their time and contributed so much to the work and mission of Zion

Next meeting will be February 23, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Meeting closed with prayer at 8:17 pm

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Blascyk