

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

Church Council Minutes  
Tuesday, October 27, 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 7:02 p.m.

Devotions were given by Pastor Loren, he read from Jesus Calling: Enjoying Peace in His Presence. I will show you what direction to go. People are busy and in a routine. I will lead you along fresh trails. Follow my Guiding Presence.

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

Phil moved and the motion was seconded by Jeff to approve the minutes of September 22, 2015 council meeting and the special meeting minutes of September 27, 2015 (changing the word "Solve" in two sentences to "Work on solutions to.") The motion passed unanimously.

Council members discussed the visioning process. They discussed three congregations getting together to sew backpacks, etc. kids raking was mentioned. Follow up meetings on Gods Work Our Hands would be convened in January.

Pastors Linda & Loren gave the pastoral report for October. A printed report was given and oral reports were given on funerals, the meatball supper, the Housing Institute in Brainerd, discussion held on the direction of New Wine and Interfaith hiring a new administrator.

Dorine and Kathy reported on behalf of the Called to Care Ministry. Notes from the meeting held Friday, October 23, 2015 were distributed. The date for God's Work Our Hands for 2016 would be Sunday, September 18. The ministry has reviewed GWOH for 2015. Changes will be made where the ministry believes mistakes were made. There is a follow-up meeting scheduled for the Community Garden project.

Kathy reported on the Christian Education Ministry. Notes from the meeting held Friday, October 23, 2015 were distributed. An attendance system is being worked on. Rake the Town and the Youth Gathering were mentioned as well as improving the Santa Lucia celebration.

Willie reported on the finance ministry. The month of September had a balance of \$5,828.93. Emphasis was on the end of September, Year to Date General Fund Balance in the amount of **(\$17,541.80)** as compared to September 2014, Year to Date General Fund Balance in the amount of **(\$2,388.80)**.

Gretchen moved and the motion was seconded by Kathy 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, November 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Dorine has made contact for a fifth member.

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 October 14, 2015 and a special meeting held October 22, 2015. No notes were available as the note taker is on vacation. The water heater was a hot topic as well as in-service on how to reduce demand/peak charges. The prep for the lighting and ceiling change to the lower level will begin on November 4, 2015.

Jeff, Pastors Loren and Linda reported on the Stewardship Ministry meeting of Tuesday, October 6, 2015. Noting that the congregation has a \$5,000 matching donation and that 100 leaves on a tree could be picked, members could donate the amount on each leaf and that amount would be matched. The total amount of all leaves would add up to 5000 if all leaves were picked.

Gretchen reported that the Worship & Music Ministry had not met since our last council meeting and that the next meeting was tomorrow night.

Under Old Business;

Linda reported on the purchase of a new/used copy machine. Phil moved and the motion was seconded by Dave, pending a satisfactory trial period, for the approval of the purchase of the copy machine in the amount of \$4,995 with the funds to be spent from the Undesignated Memorial fund.

Under New Business;

The property committee met with Kwik Trip and forwarded a recommendation to the ZLC council on the sale of the west 35 feet of the parking lot/drive way while ZLC will be given an easement to use the driveway. This proposal from Kwik Trip was presented and all aspects of the proposal were thoroughly discussed. Willie moved and the motion was seconded by Phil to recommend to the congregation the sale of the west 35 foot driveway to Kwik Trip. Information would be presented to the congregation on the following two Sundays and Wednesdays with a special congregational meeting held on Sunday, November 15, 2015 to consider the sale. The proceeds of the sale will be kept from the General Fund. The motion passed unanimously

A potential revival of the steak tip dinner was discussed. This will be placed under old business at future meetings.

The Next Meeting to be held Tuesday, November 24, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. There were no new Agenda items for October given at this time.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Phil Johnson