

Zion Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
September 13, 2016

Members present: Kathy Blascyk, Gretchen Chelseth, Sheryl Monette, Willie Raisanen, Cari Terrio-Johnson, Ruth Jorgenson, Pastor Linda Schumacher, Pastor Loren Schumacher  
Members Absent: Jeff Wefelmeyer, Jody Acers

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 by president Kathy Blascyk.
- Devotions were given by Pastor Loren from the book of Ephesians 4:1-3.
- Motion to approve the agenda was made by Gretchen, seconded by Sheryl, with the addition to new business: Boy Scouts, motion carried.
- A motion made by Sheryl, seconded by Cari, to approve the August minutes, motion carried.
- The financial report had been sent to all council members, Willie gave a review of the report, we are running a deficit but September should be a better month.
- Pastors report: This past week very busy with two funerals, a burial, and hospice visits. Requested the week of Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> for continuing education training. Council voiced their approval.

Committee Reports

- Called to Care – Lutheran World Relief kits will be assembled this coming Sunday during the “God’s work our hands” event. Seafarers and Global Health Ministry items will also be assembled. Fleece lap blankets will be made for local needs.
- Cloquet Community Garden – The *century link* service line runs through the garden. A call for marking lines was made in May but, this line was missed. The request to have it moved by the contractor that failed to mark the line in May will be attempted.
- Education – The last Wednesday night service is this week. A picnic served by B&B will start the evening off, followed by a presentation on the new Faith Formation series to start October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Music – The cantors leading the hymns has been appreciated. A hymn sing-a-long was requested to be held periodically.
- Personnel – no report
- Property – a list of outdoor work needs has been presented to the committee. The suggestion to have a work day for the church property or work needs posted for individuals to work on their own time was also suggested for outdoor and indoor projects.
- Stewardship – Hunger and Justice – have collected the “piggy” banks, the total of monies collected for the barn-yard project was close to \$6,000. An emphasis on water and wells is slated for January.

Old Business

- Dinners and other ideas for fundraising for fall was tabled, in Jodi’s absences.

- Storage needs for Called to Care was tabled until the God's work our hands event cleans out most of the items being stored.

#### New Business

- Zion Facility Handbook – the review of the handbook will be in October.
- Boy Scouts – Better communication with the troop leaders is being sought. The pastors and a couple council members will request a meeting with the leaders to discuss concerns about building use and service contributions by the troop to the church for the use of the facility. The troop has grown to 25 members.

Wondering the needs of the sanctuary – the council assembled in the sanctuary to look at the physical space. Some of the needs and suggestions were as follows: repair broken floor tiles, replace damaged carpet, anchor pew covers to prevent twisting, New Wine "stuff" moved to their new storage shed, New Wine old electronic removed so current items can be stored, electric service in narthex and sanctuary needs up-grading, painting upper walls to brighten the room, improved p.a. system, microphones, sound board, viewing screens, stained glass window fly trap sealed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Council retreat – September 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30 at Kathy Blascyk, 2315 Prospect Ave.

Next Council meeting – October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Ruth Jorgenson, Secretary