

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

Church Council Minutes  
Tuesday, February 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 and Treasurer Mike Mills.

Members Absent: None

2014 President Phil called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Devotions were given by Pastor Loren.

Phil Welcomed new members Sheryl and Jeff, and a contact list for council membership was handed out.

Dave moved and the motion was seconded by Gretchen for the election of the following officers: President – Dorine Houck, Vice President – Kathy Blascyk, Secretary - Phil Johnson, Treasurer – Willie Raisanen. The motion passed unanimously.

President Dorine Houck assumed the leadership position.

Phil moved and the motion was seconded by Jeff for the approval of the agenda with two additions. The motion passed unanimously.

Pastors Loren and Linda presented an update on the visioning process. ZLC celebrates talents will be worked on in the stewardship ministry. They will bring back information, regarding the list of membership that council members are praying for, at the next meeting with discussion to determine what the future process will be.

Phil moved and the motion was seconded by Dave to approve the minutes of January 15, 2015 council meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Dave moved and the motion was seconded by Kathy to approve the Finance Report as presented by treasurer Mike Mills. Emphasis was on the end of January Deficit in the amount of **(\$3,084.81)**. The motion passed unanimously.

Pastor Linda & Loren gave the pastoral report for January and February. Emphasis was on a successful staff retreat and The Housing Institute Team for Cloquet.

Dorine reported on behalf of the Called to Care Ministry. Emphasis was on a raised bed community garden and a quilting marathon.

Kathy reported on behalf of the Christian Education Ministry. It was noted that the education storage room has been cleaned but there was still work to do.

The Finance Ministry report was presented above.

Phil requested a Personnel meeting to review the purpose of a form and to review all ZLC employee wages, salaries and benefits. Phil moved and the motion was seconded by Sheryl to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

Dave, Willie, and Phil reported on the Property Ministry meeting held February 3, 2015. MN Power rebate of \$5,394, finalize Sanctuary lighting as well as attempts to unplug a drain.

Pastors Loren and Linda reported on the Stewardship Ministry meeting held February 5, 2015. The Stewardship committee is recommending that of the approximately \$6,000 raised from Reverse Giving that 50% will be placed in the general fund with the other 50% being split; \$1,000 going to the task force on raised garden beds with final approval of the project by the council, \$1,000 to "Windows" a domestic abuse program, \$500 to ELCA Disaster Response and \$500 to the local food shelf.

Gretchen reported that the Worship & Music ministry meeting will be held Thursday. She noted that the new choir director is successful, energetic and that the membership is enthusiastic.

Under Old Business;

Dorine updated the council that Zion would not be hosting the Kettle River WELCA Conference.

Pastor Linda updated the council on the Funeral Coordinator. She has visited with someone about the position who is considering it.

Phil moved and the motion was seconded by Dave to approve Paul Holm as Financial Secretary at \$10.61 per hour. Tracy Napper has resigned. The motion passed unanimously.

Phil thanked council members for their time and expenses for serving the Ash Wednesday Soup Supper.

Previous discussion had indicated the desire to keep the Constitution and By Laws on the ZLC Website as well as the placement of Council Meeting Minutes and Committee Notes. There was a consensus to accomplish this task.

There was a consensus of the council to not do an updated directory. This was due to changing technology. However there was consensus that members not listed in the old directory needed to be publicized. Dorine volunteered to head up this process.

Under New Business:

Discussion was held on assigning each council member to a Ministry. Ministries as indicated in the by Laws. Called to Care - Dorine and Sheryl , Christian Education – Kathy, Finance – Willie, Personnel – Phil, Property – Dave, Willie, and Phil, Stewardship – Jeff, Worship and Music – Gretchen.

Council members reported on feedback received after the annual meeting.

Sunday, March 8 was set as a date for the Installation of Council members.

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

Sheryl moved and the motion was seconded by Jeff for adjournment. The motion passed unanimously. President Dorine adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m. The adjournment was followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Phil Johnson