

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

Church Council Minutes
Tuesday, September 22, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Kathy Blascyk, Dorine Houck, Phil Johnson, Sheryl Monette, Willie Raisanen, Bonnie Walker, Jeff Wefelmeyer, Pastor Linda Schumacher, & Pastor Loren Schumacher.

Members Absent: Gretchen Chelseth & David Johnson

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

Devotions were given by Pastor Loren, he read from John4 regarding the Samaritan woman at the well – living water, confused but witnessed Jesus as the Christ. The woman informed her fellow Samaritans some believed, they invited him to stay, he did, they listened and many more believed. Pastor Loren's message was that this is the mission of us as ministers, first testimony, then invitation followed by experience then belief.

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

Phil moved and the motion was seconded by Jeff to approve the minutes of August 25, 2015 council meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Pastors Loren and Linda presented an update on the visioning process. They discussed the importance of how can we be there for our community by expanding God's work our hands. Discussion ensued on how to keep this going in the future. Consensus was to bring this to Called to care and Education Ministries.

Pastors Linda & Loren gave the pastoral report for September. They stated that it has been a very busy. It was pointed out that New Wine does have a music person and Interfaith is functioning well without a director.

Dorine and Sheryl reported on behalf of the Called to Care Ministry. Emphasis was on God's Work Our Hands which was held on September 20, 2015 with three churches participating. There were approximately 250 participants and was very successful. A community garden report was given. Survey results were distributed.

Kathy reported on the Christian Education Ministry. Notes from the meeting held on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 were handed out. It was noted that Rally Wednesday was held September 16, 2015 and notes were handed out. This marked the start of fall classes. There would be a picnic the following Wednesday using leftovers from Sunday.

Mike Mills had been given time earlier on the agenda to report on the budget. He emphasized focusing on the revenue. Jeff moved and the motion was seconded by Bonnie to approve the Finance Report as presented by Bookkeeper Mike Mills and Treasurer Willie Raisanen. The motion passed unanimously. The month of August had a balance of **(\$2,517.58.)** Emphasis was on the end of August, Year to Date General Fund Balance in the amount of **(\$23,370.73)** as compared to August 2014, Year to Date General Fund Balance in the amount of **(\$14,795.62).**

Discussion was held concerning the second signer on Zion's account. Dorine would develop a resolution for our September meeting.

Discussion was held on the financial deficit; the council officers would meet after the meeting to develop committee membership and present to a special meeting after church on Sunday.

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

Willie and Phil reported on the Property Ministry meeting held July 1, 2015. The striping was rained out. Therefore the meeting was held Wednesday, July 8, 2015. The striping of the lot was completed. Minor marking remains to be done. No notes were taken.

Jeff, Pastors Loren and Linda reported on the Stewardship Ministry noting that the September emphasis is on neighbors. The float a thon was held on Saturday, August 29, 2015.

It was reported that the Worship & Music Ministry had met on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 and notes were handed out. It was emphasized that Choir practice had begun.

Under Old Business;

Bulletin Board Update: Willie has finished the Bulletin Board and it hangs in the hallway near the lobby. Phil has placed council minutes on the board. Other ministries were eager to place their notes.

Deb Carter brought before the council the issue of the two sided sign just north of the sanctuary lobby. Phil moved and the motion was seconded by Sheryl to authorize Deb to repair the sign and use a budget of up to \$300 to repair the sign. The motion passed unanimously.

Under New Business;

Linda informed the council that the copier has reached its end of life. Many suggestions were given.

The Next Meeting to be held Tuesday, October 27, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. There were no new Agenda items for October given at this time.

Willie moved for adjournment and the motion was seconded by Kathy. The motion passed unanimously. President Dorine adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m. The adjournment was followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Phil Johnson