

Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes – April 28, 2015

Present: Kathy Blascyk, Gretchen Chelseth, David Johnson, Sheryl Monette, Jeff Wefelmeyer, Mike Mills, Pastor Linda, and Pastor Loren

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Kathy Blascyk

Devotions were given by Pastor Linda

Agenda approved.

Minutes from March 2015 approved.

Treasurer's Report – Mike gave the March report. Our giving was good but expenses were up (fuel and janitorial supplies). For the first 3 months of 2015 we have a deficit of \$8,971.74. Mike also gave us a preview of the April report. April was not a good month. Giving was down and expenses were up. It is time to inform the congregation and see if we can't make up some ground. Mike will have an announcement for the bulletin for Sunday.

Pastors Loren and Linda requested Continuing Education Funds to attend the "Rethinking Confirmation" workshop at Luther Seminary from July 29-31. The cost will be \$175/each. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to provide tuition funds.

Visioning: How can Zion be there for our community?

We discussed possible activities on our east lawn which might be more visible. We could invite the community to an Ice Cream Social or host a music event. A concern was also brought up to the council. How can we make our Coffee Fellowship time after the service more hospitable? New people will come for coffee and sit by themselves. How can we be welcoming and inviting?

Pastors' Report: The pastors distributed their written report. They highlighted Synod Assembly which is this weekend in Brainerd. Jeromy and Jennifer Graham will be representing Zion along with Pastor Linda and Pastor Loren.

Ministry Reports:

Called to Care: Sheryl shared the Called to Care Report. Planning is beginning for God's Work Our Hands. At a meeting of the Education Ministry and Called to Care Ministry projects were suggested. Queen of Peace and Our Savior's might join us on September 20.

Education: Cathy shared the Education Report. She mentioned the implementation of an Educational Point Person on Sunday mornings to welcome new families and inform them about opportunities for kids during worship.

Property: Dave gave the Property Report. Several projects are in the works. The pastors requested that the Property Ministry look into repairs on the lettering of the brick sign out front.

Stewardship: Loren and Jeff gave the Stewardship Ministry report discussing the Stewardship emphasis for 2015, "Let Your Light Shine."

Worship and Music: Gretchen shared the Worship and Music Report.

Old Business: Council again discussed putting up a bulletin board for the Council Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Ministry Reports.

New Business:

A motion was made/seconded/passed to approve the Youth Policies.

A motion was made/seconded/passed to approve the hiring of Janice Laurie as our new Administrative Assistant.

The need for a thorough cleaning of the kitchen was discussed. Jeff is willing to work with some of our Confirmation students to get the job done.

The meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting is Tuesday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m.