

## **MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS/STAFF PRESENT:**

President Aaron Adams, Vice President Paula Saunders, Pastor Erin Nelson, David Miller, Erin Prawalsky, Jason Gigure, Robin Arneson, Joan Christopher, Katie Jones, Olive Olson, Lynell Nemitz, Linda Yde, Jodi Becker, Ellie Johnson, Melissa Hines and Scott Jahns

Excused: Jim Gelina and Henry Okerlund

Guest: Karen McConville

**CALL TO ORDER:** Before President Aaron Adams called the meeting to order in the Fellowship Hall he asked Pastor to introduce Karen McConville. Karen and Pastor are part of the Stewardship Committee. The name of the campaign is JOY! Jesus first, Others second and Yourself last. Karen gave a short presentation and Pastor handed out pledge envelopes. The Stewardship Committee would like the Council members to set an example and have theirs turned in by October 1. President Aaron thanked Karen and Pastor for the presentation. At 7:10pm, President Aaron called the meeting to order and asked Pastor Erin to lead a prayer. Pastor Erin lit a candle to remind us that God is present in this place. Pastor Erin talked about the statement that Martin Luther spoke of repeatedly that people are both Saints and Sinners. President Aaron asked for approval of the Agenda as printed. Vice President Paula stated the meeting date on the Agenda needed to be corrected from September 11 to September 12.

Approve the Agenda as corrected.

Lynell Nemitz/Olive Olson

Moved/Second/Carried.

### **STAFF REPORTS:**

**COUNCIL SECRETARY:** Katie Jones.

Minutes were emailed.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY:** Joan Christopher Written report.

Joan reported under budget for the month \$1,855.33. Year to date over budget \$887.98

Mission Investment Fund Loan Balance is \$651,656.38 as of 9/01/2017.

92% of the appeal for the first year of \$127,000.00

**TREASURER:**

Robin Arneson Written report.

Robin reported under budget for the month \$101.17 and over year to date \$565.82 Checkbook balance (8/31/17) is \$151.04

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor had a written report.

Membership Adjustments and Pastoral Acts:

Transfers In: 0. Transfers Out: 0. Baptism: 1 Zachary West Deaths: 0.

**CHURCH SECRETARY:**

President Aaron said Anna had emailed a report and the October calendar to council members. Newsletter deadline is September 19.

Membership Numbers for September

Adults: 287. Youth: 81. Total Baptized Membership: 368. Associate Members: 10

Approve Staff Reports

Erin Prawalsky/ Paula Saunders

M/S/C

## **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY:** Jodi Becker and Melissa Hines

Jodi stated Rally Day went well.

### **YOUTH:** Henry Okerlund and Ellie Johnson

Ellie reported her Bible Study/Discussion will be once a month starting September 17 at 6pm. For high school youth. There will also be some service projects. Pastor stated the subjects were listed in the bulletin. There will be an email that will be sent again on Thursday to the families of youth. Ellie will obtain contact information from youth that attend on Sunday so more personal contact can be made via whatever the groups decides. Scott Jahns brought up with meeting at 6pm, there should be some food provided, maybe some pizza? Pastor said she could do that. Katie said she has some pop and water.

### **BOARD FOR FINANCE:** Scott Jahns and Jim Gelina

Scott stated they approved fund-raisers: Lillie October 15 at church and 18 at Bayport BBQ along with November 8 Chili Feed for Second Mile Haiti.

December 3 will be the Congregation Budget meeting

### **BOARD FOR PROPERTY:** Jason Gigure and David Miller

Jason emailed minutes from the Property meeting.

Jason stated the Fall Clean Up will be the middle of October and will work with Anna about sign-up sheets.

Robin asked if Jason had received a bill fixing the west parking lot? Jason said no.

David brought up more people are needed to shovel snow. Also, a list needs to be made so the volunteers know where to shovel.

Erin P. asked if the drain in the church could be fixed.

Pastor explained no it is not possible without redoing the plumbing of the entire Sanctuary.

### **BOARD FOR OUTREACH AND SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Olive Olson and Lynell Nemitz

Olive stated the \$5,000 in Mission funds will be discussed at the October Outreach Meeting October 3 and they will bring the proposal to the Council at the November meeting. They have received many proposals for the money.

### **BOARD FOR MUSIC AND WORSHIP:** Linda Yde and Erin Prawalsky

Linda stated the new numbers for the hymnal board came in.

### **WELCA:** Joan reported the Circles are meeting.

Approve Board and Committee Reports

Scott Jahns/Erin Prawalsky

M/S/C

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Congregation Meeting Plan**

An agenda was presented for Sunday in which the congregation will vote on staying with NETworks or not. David reminded council that 97% of the budget are fixed items. Lynell, Erin and Jodi will be the official counters of any ballots cast on Sunday at the meeting. No absentee ballots allowed. Simple majority. Need 29 voting members for a quorum.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Council Authorization to Sell Donated Stock Assignment of individuals for stock sales.

Establishing an account and need 2 people according to Federal bank regulations. Joan Christopher and Robin Arneson will be the two Mt. Zion members in charge of stock sales.

The Church Council appoints Joan Christopher and Robin Arneson to represent Mt. Zion concerning the sale of stock.

Olive Olson/Jodi Becker

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Budgeting Time

President Aaron asked each Board to write down how much was spent and what was it spent on.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY:

Katie Jones stated she LOVED the second service and especially Chris Gustafson's part.

President Aaron said there is a scam that is targeting churches via emails.

Motion made to adjourn.  
Ellie Johnson/Erin Prawalsky  
M/S/C.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie Jones  
Council Secretary

## **Property Committee Meeting Minutes**

September 8, 2017 at 9:30am

**Present:** David Miller, Harley Saathoff, Tim Dreier, Jason Gigure

- Kendra Margl offered to donate a push mower to the church but we as a committee decided just to keep the two we have as long as they are running okay. They only get used when Tim is not able to mow the lawn, which historically, is not very often.
- We discussed over-seeding the lawn to fill in bare spots and increase its overall thickness. Jason will look into purchasing seed and David has offered to spread it. We are looking to do this ASAP as September is the optimal month to seed.
- We discussed having a Fall Cleanup in mid-October. Tim will take care of the yard work and we will run the indoor chores like we did the Spring Cleanup, with a sign up sheet for people to come in anytime during one week. Jason will work with Anna to set up the sign up sheets and have announcements made in church.
- We discussed how to tackle snow shoveling this coming winter. We are hoping to create a larger pool of volunteers this year as only two people did the majority of it last year. We also discussed creating an instruction sheet so new people know what needs to be shoveled. Jason will work with Anna to create the instructions. We would like to start sending around sign up sheets in early November.

## **Meeting Minutes**

August 27, 2017 at 10:00am

**Present:** Carol, Amanda, Melissa, Angie, and Jodi

### **Sunday School –**

- September 10, 2017: Rally Sunday and the Sunday School will be singing at the 10:30am Service
- Curriculum is good until Christmas. Committee is already looking into getting more/new curriculum for after Christmas.

### **Kids' Club –**

- Volunteer Training is Scheduled for August 30, 2017
- First Day of Kid's Club will be September 6, 2017
- Sign: Discussed the possibility of having the Kid's design professionally printed so it wont fade

### **Vacation Bible Study –**

- VBS was once again a success

### **Other –**

- Lego Club: Will be held during the school late starts. Committee discussed that it will not have negative impact on our budget. It was unanimously decided that it was a good idea and a welcome addition to our ministry.
- Bibles: the committee is interested in purchasing some Bibles that contain historical text to assist in explaining the content to our students.

Next meeting is **September 24, 2017**

Submitted by, Jodi Becker

