

MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

May 10, 2016

COUNCIL MEMBERS/STAFF PRESENT: President Carl Meincke, Vice President Aaron Adams, Pastor Erin Nelson, Robin Arneson, Katie Jones, Shelley Hallen, Jodi Becker, Jim Johnson, Scott Jahns, Jason Gigure, Sonja Johnson, Olive Olson, Dennis O'Connell and Linda Yde.

EXCUSED: Joan Christopher, Cameron Jahns Laura Gerdts and Einar Hanson

CALL TO ORDER: President Carl Meincke called the meeting to order at 7:02pm at Mt. Zion. President Carl then made corrections to the Agenda by stating Summer Council Meetings will be June 14, no meeting in July as that is Habitat Mission Trip and August 9 meeting will be at President Carl and Judy Meincke's home. President Carl then asked Pastor Erin to lead a prayer. Pastor lit a candle to remind us that God is present in this place. Pastor Erin read from the 5th chapter from the Gospel of Mark and led a devotion about Jesus being the light of Light of the world. A prayer was said. President Carl then asked for an approval of the Agenda as corrected

Olive Olson/Sonja Johnson
Moved/Second/Carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

COUNCIL SECRETARY: Katie Jones.

Katie emailed the meeting minutes of April 12, 2016 and a reminder email of tonight's meeting.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Joan Christopher

Written report.

Pastor reported under budget for the month \$893.48.

Under budget \$2,754.89 for the year.

78% of the 3-year goal of Time to Prosper of \$384,495 has been given.

Mission Investment Fund Loan Balance is \$709,932.32 as of 4-30-2016

TREASURER: Robin Arneson Written report.

Robin reported over budget for the month \$546.52 and over budget year to date \$1,085.77.

Checkbook balance as of 4/30 is \$5,881.52.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor submitted a written report.

Pastor brought attention to two items: Need a female to attend the Synod Assembly on Saturday, May 21 in Eau Claire. Leaving Hudson at 7am and returning around 9pm.

Pastor attended 30 meetings in April along with other meetings: 5 Personal Counseling, 1 Synod Council and 1 St. Croix Conference. 0 vacation days used in April; 3 used out of 23 for 2016; 3 Sick Days in April with 4 out of 13 for 2016. 0 Sundays used out of 4

Membership Adjustments and Pastoral Acts:

Baptism 1

Transfers In: 14

Transfers Out: 0

Adults 290 Youth 84

Total Baptized Membership 374 Associate Members 11

ANNA'S UPDATES: President Carl sent around the June and July Calendars for updates.

Also, the deadline for June Newsletter is May 18 by noon.

Approve Staff Reports

Dennis O'Connell/Jim Johnson M/S/C

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY:

Shelley Hallen and Jodi Becker

Shelly emailed the minutes of the meeting.

She reported the garage sale raised \$400 and matching was \$400=\$800 for sofas for the Lower Level.

Shelley brought up the Scholarship Committee. Three people are on it. The timeline will be to advertise starting in October and applications due at the end of December. At the February Council meeting, the name(s) and amount will be brought forward for approval with the checks presented at a Sunday service after the approval. President Carl asked if it could be done in January so the recipients might be in attendance. Shelly replied the delay is because of the wait on transcripts from the colleges and the January Council meeting is too soon for Council to approve the recipient(s) and the amount.

April 17 Meeting Highlights:

Sunday School: Angie will be Superintendent again next year.

High School students would like to still have class.

David Miller has offered to teach older students. Possible fall start.

Scholarship Committee has 3 members now: Amanda Stojan, Karen Gigure and Mark Romzek.

Church Library: Angie would rather not be in charge of Adult Library.

Pastor will ask at next Book Club meeting if anyone is interested.

Amanda will still coordinate the library for the non-adult.

Kids Club(KC): 5th adult stepped forward. Kids made Bible Lego video which was shown in the Commons. Next one will be visual only as sounds compete in the Commons. Parent gifted a book about teaching Sunday School for KC. Book was filled with lots of creative, discovery based theories. KC purchased postcard stamps for birthday postcards. More cards can be printed on cardstock. Approved \$150 for KC to spend without further approval from Christian Ed Board. Amanda and Pastor will brainstorm grant ideas. Planning to host grill out for church June 1, date of first S'mores Worship. Offering will go for Lower Level furnishings.

Would like to purchase Bibles for KC to use. Amanda and Angie will coordinate with Anna in case ordering all the Bibles at the same time would mean a possible discount, free shipping or free products. Get-well Care packages for children of KC who are sick. Estimate 6 a year at \$10 each.

Summer brochure of activities has gone out. Next year, use same template and mail earlier.

VBS: A Flyer is done.

Pastor will talk to Father Guy about poster boards.

Anna has Sign-up Genius done but not live yet as more items need to be split out. Amanda will work with Anna on this so it can go live. Pastor is also checking on t-shirts. May 8, students will do the children's sermon to promote VBS and LPBC. Hard copies of flyers will be handed out.

Other: Change for Change, until Memorial Day, is going to fund camperships to LPBC. Remind parents if they go to LPBC to let Anna or Pastor know. Youth on Council do not have any direction. By next Council year, this committee will come up with an idea on how the youth can meet with other youth in the church and report to council each month on needs, concerns, etc. Pastor will make a spare key for the game cabinet and have it available downstairs. LPBC benevolence for 2016 has been paid. Reminder to label all food in cupboards, fridge and freezer. Amanda wrote up a child protection agreement that Shelley and Jodi will

present to Council. Summer Bible studies will be Sunday morning at church and Wednesday nights at Pitchfork Brewery.

Next meeting is May 15, 2016 at 10

YOUTH DEACONS: Laura Gerdt and Cameron Jahns

No report.

BOARD FOR FINANCE: Jim Johnson and Scott Jahns

Jim stated no new fund-raisers. President Carl sent around a card for Council members to sign.

Gas gift card will be sent with the thank you card to Phil Eng for snow-plowing.

BOARD FOR PROPERTY: Dennis O'Connell and Jason Gigure

Dennis had emailed meeting notes.

Jason reported the outdoor lights cannot be retrofitted for LED lights.

Estimated cost is \$585 X 2 poles = \$1,170

Dennis reported he, Jason and Harley walked through the church inside and outside so Harley could tell them all that he used to do for 30+ years and most of it was weekly. Dennis said it was 2 pages!

Dennis is trying to obtain estimates for lawn service to fertilize and kill dandelions.

Pastor will find out the name of the agent now assigned to Mt. Zion for insurance on the property. Will wait till the Capital appeal to order new chairs. "Lake Mt. Zion" will be about \$5,000 to take care of and linking culverts to O'Connell's.

Pastor said the cleaning is going well as people have been coming and going already doing things.

BOARD FOR OUTREACH AND SOCIAL MINISTRY:

Sonja Johnson and Olive Olson

Sonja emailed the minutes of the May 2 meeting.

Sonja showed the collection bag she received when she attended the Food Shelf meeting last night. Volunteers still needed. Olive said if there is not someone to chair a particular ministry, it will be placed on the back burner. She also stated that some people did not know they were listed as chairs of particular ministries. Highlights of meeting: Food Shelf-Nicole Gelina

About 20 attend every other Friday food give-a-way. Looking for someone to attend monthly food shelf meeting as Nicole works Monday nights.

Blood Drive-14 pints on April 22. Will work with Memorial Blood Center as they bring their own volunteers

Prayer Shawls-Karen McConville volunteered to monitor supply. Pastor has been handing them out. Perhaps have a Blessing of Prayer Shawls in November as part of a "thankful" theme.

Second Mile Haiti-Kathy Opland presented a plaque to Mt. Zion from SMH. Will look at a larger fund-raiser next year. May 22, Pastor will present the plaque to Mt. Zion and Sophia will give a Temple Talk on her recent trip to SMH.

Hudson Outreach Meal for Everyone (H.O.M.E.) looking for a new lead person as previous person stepped down.

Habitat for Humanity-Going well with large number of participants this year, especially new youth members! House build will be in Frederic, WI, July 11-15. Wall build will be before then in the back parking lot of Mt. Zion. Great turnout for the Pizza Hut fund-raiser!

Quilters-Also going well. Quilt is ready for the Habitat group again. Quilts are for local needs and Lutheran World Relief. Looking for more people to join them once a month.

Fellowship Committee-Things going well. Want to make sure outside groups know they should not be using Mt. Zion's disposable paper products. Pastor Erin stated outside groups sign a form and attention is called to that fact. Should there be "emergency" cookies in the freezer if a date is not filled?

Prayer Ministry-People want to know how prayers turn out. We are doing good.

Advertising-Pastor Erin stated to be thinking of other ways to reach out to people instead of local paper.

Time & Talent sheets were handed out.

Website updates shared with Pastor Erin.

Discussed some type of recognition for long term volunteers.

Think if something for Reformation anniversary in 2017.

Relay for Life co-chairs are David Miller (walk) and Mary Stanton (survivors).

Next meeting Monday, June 6 6:30pm at Mt. Zion

BOARD FOR MUSIC AND WORSHIP:

Einar Hanson and Linda Yde

Linda reported that Joan Saathoff has stepped down as Chairperson of the Altar Guild. Mike Yde has graciously said he will be in charge of communion from May -September. Worship and Music will acknowledge Joan for all her many years of volunteering this Sunday. It was brought up that left over communion wine is returned to the earth which is why the sink in the chancel just drains to the dirt. Dennis brought up the water will be permanently shut off. Pastor Erin said it would be okay to go to the kitchen to obtain water for the Baptismal fountain and for watering the flowers. Next meeting - May 15th.

WELCA: Katie reported Circles are meeting. Katie mentioned Joan Christopher, Lola Scott and herself attended the St. Croix Valley WELCA meeting Saturday, April. 16 at Bethel downtown. Katie and Lola also attended the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin WELCA convention April 29 and 30 in Eau Claire.

Approve Board and Committee reports Shelley Hallen/Olive Olson M/S/C.

OLD BUSINESS:

Capital Campaign Update

Pastor Erin, Scott, Jim, VP Aaron and President Carl, looked at 5 groups that provide assistance for Capital Campaigns. Walsh & Associates, The Harrison Group, GSB, Christian Investors fund and Mark Davy & Associates. The committee had a full page report and for reasons listed, felt Mark Davy and Associates was the best choice. Less cost, 5 churches had used them and had positive reports, have a graphic designer on staff and provide templates for communications, trains all the people involved in the campaign and maps out routes for the home visits. Cost is \$17,889.00 for 3 years + \$4,000.00 to interview 50 households for 30 minutes each. Olive asked how many families does Mt. Zion have. Pastor replied 127 giving units. Olive thought maybe a smaller number to be interviewed. Smaller interview size to be considered with upcoming talks with Mark Davy & Associates.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Capital Campaign contract with Mark Davy & Associates. Hire Mark Davy & Associates subject to favorable negotiation. Scott Jahns/Dennis O'Connell. M/S/C

Date for the Congregational meeting will be soon after the criteria according to the Constitution is met.

Background Check Request. Pastor Erin will ask First Presbyterian if Mt. Zion can pay the \$6 to have a volunteer undergo a back ground check as they still have Protect My Ministry and Mt. Zion's ran out in February.

Request for Printed Council Minutes. Vice President Aaron Adams will make copies and place them by the mail boxes in the workroom.

Summer Council meeting schedule. As stated early in the meeting, June meeting will be June 14, no meeting in July as that is Habitat Mission Trip week and August meeting will be at the Meincke's House

COMMENTS for the GOOD of OUR COMMUNITY:

Scott Jahn's stated it is Stamp Out Hunger on Saturday and volunteers are needed.

Pastor Erin said the last Secret Spy came and had glowing report on how welcoming Mt. Zion is.

VP Aaron Adams commented on Carol Gustafson and her long time volunteering and encouraged all council members to thank all volunteers for their participation.

Jim Johnson stated a Chairperson is needed for the Capital Campaign.

Katie said thanks to Aaron and Angie for all they did for the last day of Sunday School celebration.

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 14 at 7pm at Mt. Zion

Motion made to adjourn at 8:14pm

Jim Johnson/Aaron Adams M/S/C

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Jones

Council Secretary