

**Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Minutes
February 8, 2017**

In attendance: Diane Laub, Joe Arndt, Diane German, Jenn McAteer, Matt Dietrich
Absent: Sandy Newkirk, Joann Lewis, Greg Schappell, Eloise Tucker (all excused)
Meeting started at 7:08 pm

- I. **Opening devotions and prayer – Joe Arndt**
Assign person for next month - Matt

- II. **Approval of January Minutes**
Motion to approve 1- Diane L., 2 – Diane G. *APPROVED*

- III. **Correspondence –** Sandy received an email thanking us for the gift certificate for Earl Osterstock from April on his behalf.

- IV. **Treasurer's Report**
Motion to approve 1- Diane G., 2- Matt D. *APPROVED*

- V. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Christian Education – Michelle Fegely & Jennifer McAteer** – a meeting has been scheduled for February 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm.
 - b. **Evangelism – *Inactive***
 - c. **Finance Committee – April Osterstock**, audit planning in progress
 - d. **Local Shared Outreach – Sharon Billger & Sandy Newkirk** – report sent
 - e. **Mutual Ministry - *Inactive***
 - f. **Property – Martin Billger** – report sent
 - g. **Restoration & Fundraising Task Force**
 - h. **Scouting – Matthew Dietrich**
 - i. **Social Ministry – Janice Clemmer** - See emailed report; Garden Team is interested in doing a sausage sandwich sale at some point (to use up the peppers!), and they are thinking of purchasing a garden tiller in the spring.
 - j. **Stewardship – Diane German and Diane Gaumer** - remaining envelopes have been mailed.
 - k. **Women's Ministry – Sharon Billger** - report sent; they are hosting Fellowship this month and could use some volunteers to help!
 - l. **Worship and Music – Jeff Wetzel** – Lenten services are scheduled, see report; Most of the details for the wedding set for May 20, 2017 have been worked out, except for who will meet with the couple for the required sessions prior to the wedding. Pastor Miller will be officiating this wedding, we will defer to him on this question.
 - m. **Youth Ministry – Jen Gehris**
 - n. **Call Committee – Dan Batz** – waiting to hear from one reference, who was on vacation. Nothing else to report.

Motion to approve committee reports 1- Jenn, 2- Joe *APPROVED*

- VI. **Old/Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **Friend Inc.** - Items for February are soups and stews

- b. **Jingle Project** – January through March funds will go to Hope Rescue Mission in Reading.
- c. **Praise Band** – has decided not to take charge of the Feb 19th service until they have thought it through more thoroughly. We will have a supply minister on that date.

VII. New Business:

- a. **Request from Michelle Batz re: confirmands** – Kids not going to the Bear Creek Camp retreat. They will hopefully attend a Lutheran Youth Assembly locally at Muhlenberg College (June 15-18). No lodging expenses. No word on cost yet, but would like the Endowment Fund to cover some or all of the cost. She would also like to take the kids to see Cristabelle Braden in concert on March 26th in Allentown.
- b. **Pastor Blich** – communications have been difficult – hopefully will improve now after the holidays are over. He is extremely busy. Should we ask the synod about other options?
- c. **Ushering Schedule** – Ushers/Counters needed for Ash Wednesday service. A couple of us might be here. Also on any given Sunday when Council members are present and willing to help take offering, just let Janice know when you arrive at church.
- d. **Request to use the basement for a small bridal shower**- Sandy's request for a friend, and she will be in attendance. Sometime in May or June. This goes through Martin and Property Committee, then maybe to us for approval.
- e. **Cards to be sent** – *(Sandy sends her thanks for all of our prayers, and asks to be kept on our prayer list until she is in the clear!)* No other cards needed.

VIII. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Motion to adjourn 1- Matt, 2 – Jenn *APPROVED*

Meeting ended at 8:12 pm

ADDENDUM – On February 26, 2017, a special meeting of the Council was held to vote for the return of Pastor Ritter as Interim Pastor. Present were Joe, Greg, Diane L, Sandy, Jenn, Joanne, and Diane G. **Motion** 1st Jenn, 2nd Greg *APPROVED* (6 yay, 1 nay)

Reminders:

**Newsletter items due to Suzy (office) and Sharon Billger by the 15th of month prior
Next Council Meeting on THURSDAY March 9 at 7:00pm
Sunday February 19 – Fellowship after Morning Worship, hosted by Women's Group
March 1st at 7:30 pm – Ash Wednesday Service, Rev. Richard Miller, here at Mt. Zion
All Lenten Services will be in Sunday Bulletin**

Submitted by Jenn McAteer, Council Secretary