

**Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Minutes
January 11, 2017**

In attendance: Sandy, Joey, Diane L., Diane G., Joann, Matt, Jenn

Absent: Eloise (excused), Greg (excused)

Meeting started at 7:08 pm

- I. **Opening devotions and prayer – Joann Lewis**
Assign person for next month - Joe

- II. **Approval of December Minutes, with Addendum**
Motion to give Christmas gift cards (\$50 each) to Suzy Donchez, Sylvia Keller and Lillian Moyer. 1 - Joe 2 – Matt *APPROVED*
Motion to approve December Minutes, as amended 1- Diane German 2 - Joann *APPROVED*

- III. **Correspondence – E-mail from Mary Gade regarding donation to MidEastern Development.** She did some research and found nothing that would lead her to recommend our giving to this organization. Pastor Ritter sent a nice thank you note, which will be posted on the bulletin board.

- IV. **Treasurer's Report**
Read April's notes. Highlights included: Christmas Bazaar net profit was \$2435.70; Pastor Ritter's final pay was sorted out; we have begun repaying the reserve account; our investments are increasing and can now be monitored by April more readily online.
Motion to approve 1- Diane Laub, 2- Joe *APPROVED*

- V. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Christian Education – Michelle Fegely & Jennifer McAteer**
 - b. **Evangelism – Inactive**
 - c. **Finance Committee – April Osterstock-** no meeting as of 12/10/17
 - d. **Local Shared Outreach – Sharon Billger & Sandy Newkirk –** upcoming meeting on 1/12/17
 - e. **Mutual Ministry - Inactive**
 - f. **Property – Martin Billger** - Discussion of non-member wedding request for 12/31/17. There is some concern about us not having a permanent pastor. We are decided that we can't agree to this, given that we don't have a pastor and it's a holiday. On the day of the children's Christmas pageant, Earl Osterstock cleared the parking lot for us, and there was a recommendation that we send him a gift card. **Motion** to get a \$50 gift card for Earl Osterstock 1- Joe, 2 – Matt *APPROVED*
 - g. **Restoration & Fundraising Task Force**
 - h. **Scouting – Matthew Dietrich** next month is the banquet at the Kempton Rod and Gun Club
 - i. **Social Ministry – Janice Clemmer**
 - j. **Stewardship – Diane German and Diane Gaumer**
 - k. **Women's Ministry – Sharon Billger** notes sent
 - l. **Worship and Music – Jeff Wetzel** – Discussion of pew cushions, combined mid-week Lenten Services (with New Bethel and Friedens), need for supply

pastor on Praise Band weeks. We're definitely interested in combining the mid-week Lenten services. We are also in agreement that if the Praise Band wants to take the lead on worship on those Sundays, then we can give it a try in February. Regarding the pew cushions, Sandy will talk to the Synod about sending a consultant but we are hesitant without a pastor. Rotating them is probably not a good option; looks like that's already happened.

m. Youth Ministry – Jen Gehris

n. Call Committee – Dan Batz - A time will be arranged to see two services by the candidate. Then a pro/con process will occur.

o. Motion to approve committee reports 1- Jenn 2- Joann *APPROVED*

VI. Old/Unfinished Business:

a. Friend Inc. - Items for January are Cereals and Hot Chocolate.

b. Jingle Project – For January through March funds will go to Hope Rescue Mission in Reading.

c. Sent email to Michelle Batz regarding retreat for confirmands which will be held at Bear Creek Camp on March 31st to April 2nd.

d. Compensation for Pastor Blicht – waiting for the signed letter back, but he is already making visits.

VII. New Business:

a. Misplaced card for Sylvia – Sylvia's card was lost. Suggestion that we replace it, and if the first one turns up we can use it in one of our raffles. **Motion** to replace the lost \$50 gift card for Sylvia, 1 – Joe, 2 – Diane Laub *APPROVED*

b. Church Fellowship hour for January 15th. sign up list went around

c. Computer for our next pastor. April purchased one when she saw a good deal over the holidays, seeks our approval for reimbursement. Total amount, including a few accessories \$377.14. **Motion** to reimburse April at \$377.14
1-Matt, 2-Joann *APPROVED*

d. Cards to be sent – Council will send one to Sharon's parents; hopefully Jean Dietrich was sent a sympathy card.

VIII. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Motion to adjourn 1- Matt, 2 – Diane Laub *APPROVED*

Meeting ended at 8:27 pm

Reminders:

Newsletter items due to Suzy (office) and Sharon Billger by the 15th of December

January 15 – Fellowship Hour after Morning Worship

January 24 – 9:00 a.m. Women's Group

Submitted by Jenn McAteer, Council Secretary