

**Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Minutes
March 9, 2017**

In attendance: Eloise Tucker, Diane Laub, Joe Arndt, Diane German, Matt Dietrich, Sandy Newkirk, Joanne Lewis, Rev. Ritter
Other Attendees: Rev. Mary Gade, April Osterstock
Absent: Greg Schappell, Jenn McAteer (all excused)
Meeting started at 7:00 pm

- I. Opening devotions and prayer – Matt Dietrich**
Assign person for next month – Joanne Lewis
- II. Approval of February Minutes, with Addendum.** Council approved Pastor Ritter as interim.
Motion to approve - 1-Joe, 2-Matt **APPROVED**
- III. Correspondence –**
 - Donation request for Friend Annual Benefit Auction headed by Rev Ritter – Council **approved** \$250 donation in sponsorship which is the same action as last year. Tickets will again be offered to Martin and Sharon Billger. 1- Matt 2-Joe **APPROVED**
 - Donation request from Kutztown Fire Co. – no donation to be made because Kempton Fire Co. services the church area. Consideration is given to making donation to Kempton Fire Co. Additional information will be given to council on best method.
 - Donation request from Farm Advocacy Resource Ministry headed by Rev. Gade – Council **approved** \$50 donation. 1- Diane G, 2 – Joanne **APPROVED**
 - E-mail from Jeff Wetzel regarding request to film Church. Rev. Ritter is willing to contact the people to find out more about purpose.
- IV. Treasurer's Report –** See report. April explained financial situation and reorganization of some investment accounts.
Motion to approve – 1-Eloise 2 –Diane L **APPROVED**

Committee Reports:

- a. Christian Education –** Michelle Fegely & Jennifer McAteer
In process of having all background checks implemented. Email for Kristina Theres
- b. Evangelism –** Inactive
- c. Finance Committee –** No Meeting as of 12/10/17
- d. Local Shared Outreach –** Sharon Billger and Sandy Newkirk
- e. Mutual Ministry -** Inactive
- f. Property –** Martin Billger – Discussion regarding sound system – council **approved** funds. Suggested possible use of memorial funds. April will check with Lester Miller's family about possible use of their father's memorial money. 1-Matt 2-Joe **APPROVED**
- g. Restoration & Fundraising Task Force –** Working on Spaghetti Dinner 4/22
- h. Scouting –** Matt Dietrich – Certificate of Appreciation given to Church
- I. Social Ministry –** Janice Clemmer – Request from Garden Committee- council **approved** additional money for garden project as needed. 1- Diane L, 2 – Diane G **APPROVED**
- j. Stewardship –** Diane German and Diane Gaumer
- k. Women's Ministry –** Sharon Billger – see report
- l. Worship and Music –** Jeff Wetzel – See report from March 7 meeting. Communion every Sunday 4/2 thru 6/11, approved April and May calendars
- m. Youth Ministry –** Jen Gehris – No report.

n. Call Committee – Dan Batz – Ready to proceed with Candidate. Rev. Gade explained the next step that the council will take. Sandy will advise council members about interview with candidate once finalized. It will be held offsite.

Motion to approve committee reports 1-Matt 2- Joanne *APPROVED*

V. Old/Unfinished Business:

- a. **Friend Inc.** - Items for March are soups and stews
- b. **Jingle Project** – January through March funds will go to Hope Rescue Mission in Reading.
- c. Plans for Meggio Wedding on May 20, 2017 completed. Pastor Miller will officiate. Pastor Ritter will do the pre-wedding instructions.

VI. New Business:

- a. Delegates needed for Synod Assembly – Joann Lewis stated interest and will speak with her husband, Dave about possible attendance.
- b. Approval needed for Keller wedding on March 24, 2018. (Day before Palm Sunday.) – 1- Joe, 2- Matt *APPROVED*
- c. Resolution from Council needed for Pastor Ritter's salary and housing allowance. Discussion ended without a motion.
- d. Council members needed – recommended Ricard Grim, Glenn Landon – Sandy will pursue Richard. Matt D will speak with Glenn.
- e. Cards to be sent – reminder to keep Sharon B informed.

VII. Adjournment and Closing with Lord's Prayer

Motion to adjourn

Reminders:

**Newsletter items due to Suzy (office) and Sharon Billger by the 15th of month prior
Next Council Meeting on Wednesday, April 12 at 7:00pm
Sunday, March 12 – Informal Q&A with congregation about potential candidate. Rev. Gade will also attend.
Sunday March 19 – Praise Band with Fellowship following.
March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5 at 6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Suppers held at Frieden's
All Lenten Services will be in Sunday Bulletin**

Submitted by April Osterstock, Treasurer filing in for Jenn McAteer