

**Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Agenda
May 10, 2017**

In attendance: Sandy, Matt, Joe, Joanne, Diane L., Diane G., April, Amber, Eloise, Jenn, Pastor Ritter

Absent: none

Meeting began at: 7:03pm

- I. Opening devotions and prayer – Diane German**
Assign person for next month - Jenn

- II. Welcome & approval Amber Theres as new Council member**
1 - Matt 2 – Joanne, *APPROVED*
(She will still need to be on the October Congregational meeting ballot for the remainder of Greg's term.)

- III. Approval of April Minutes** 1 – Diane L , 2 - Diane G *APPROVED*

- IV. Correspondence –** Note from Helen Wessner (re: a yard sale at the church this summer to benefit the restoration project); Letters from Bishop Zeiser (re: Vicar Heydt and communion on 5/14, as well as regarding Pastor Ritter's contract); Thank you note from Martin to the Council.

- V. Pastor's Report –** (attachment) Discussion of celebrating Pastor's 40th year of ordination, perhaps at the picnic.
Motion to approve – 1 –Joe, 2- Matt, *APPROVED*

- VI. Treasurer's Report –** (attachment) April was a good month! Plus April O. negotiated a big fuel discount on our last delivery!
Motion to approve 1- Eloise, 2- Diane L. *APPROVED*

- VII. Committee Reports:**
 - a. Christian Education –** Michelle Fegely & Jennifer McAteer, no update
 - b. Evangelism –** *Inactive*
 - c. Finance Committee –** April Osterstock
 - d. Local Shared Outreach –** Sharon Billger and Sandy Newkirk, notes attached.
 - e. Mutual Ministry -** *Inactive*
 - f. Property –** Martin Billger (attachment) Suggestion for a “No Turn Around” sign on our parking lots to keep the big trucks from using our lot to turn around. **Motion** to allow Property Committee to purchase and post signage, 1- Matt, 2- Amber *APPROVED*

- g. Restoration & Fundraising Task Force** – Spaghetti Dinner Raised \$393.09 (less advertising expenses)
- h. Scouting** – Matt Dietrich
- i. Social Ministry** – Janice Clemmer. Future sewing dates are coming. Donations of baby wipes are requested.
- j. Stewardship** – Diane German and Diane Gaumer
- k. Women's Ministry** – Sharon Billger (attachment)
- l. Worship and Music** – Jeff Wetzel (attachment)
- m. Youth Ministry** – Jen Gehris

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

VII. Old/Unfinished Business:

- a.** Friend Inc. - Items for May are paper towels and toilet paper.
- b.** Jingle Project – Funds for April through June will go to Safe Berks in Reading.
- c.** Plans for our meetings with Vicar Heydt. Tie up loose ends: Amber will prepare the ballots for 5/14; **Motion** to pay Vicar Heydt as a supply pastor on 5/14, 1- Matt, 2- Joe *APPROVED*; All confirmed, active members can vote; fine tuning of the contract details; brainstorming remaining questions for the 5/11 interview/dinner.
- d.** Delegates still needed for Synod Assembly (June 2-3 at Kalahari Resort)

VIII. New Business:

- a.** Review, discuss and approve a survey regarding weekly communion. **Motion** to distribute the communion survey on 5/21, 1- Joe, 2- Amber *APPROVED*
- b.** Discussion & approval of summer worship at 9 am from 6/25/17 thru 9/3/17 **Motion** 1- Jenn, 2- Joe *APPROVED*
- c.** Discussion & approval of worship and music committee's recommendation to celebrate Holy Communion weekly on a permanent basis. **Motion** made to continue weekly Communion, 1- Joanne, 2- Amber *APPROVED*
- d.** Yard Sale to benefit the Restoration Committee – **Motion** to allow the Restoration Committee to hold a yard sale, indoors 1- Diane L, 2- Diane G *APPROVED*
- e.** Cards to be sent – Sylvia

Adjournment and Closing Prayer
Adjourned at 9:18 pm

Reminders:

Newsletter items due to Suzy (office), Sharon Billger and April by May 15th

May 11, 5:30 p.m. - Council and Call Committee to meet with Vicar Heydt at Stony Run Hotel.

May 12, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. - Sausage Sandwich Sale to benefit garden project

May 13, 3-5 p.m. - Meet and greet with Vicar Heydt & his wife in Fellowship Hall

May 14, Morning Worship and Congregational Meeting to Vote on Candidate