

**Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
February 15, 2018**

In attendance: Vicar Heydt, Joey, Sandy, Richard, Jenn, Matt, Diane, Amber, April

Absent: Sylvia, JoAnn

Meeting started at: 7:05pm

- I. Opening devotions and prayer** – Amber Therese
Assign person for next month - Matt

*****I.A. Request from our youth** – Michelle Batz, three confirmation students and two additional parents came to ask the Council to fund their week at Bear Creek this summer (June 17-24). They had a nice presentation prepared for us. The cost is \$475 per student, and it will be these three students who are planning to go. The girls will also be doing some fundraising. **Motion** – The Council will fulfill the cost of the camp, less the amount fundraised 1-Sandy, 2-Amber *APPROVED*

- II. Review & Approval of January minutes** – 1–Matt, 2 -Richard *APPROVED*

III. Correspondence - Thank you from Friend, Inc.; Request from Kutztown Fire Company for donation (we are covered by Kempton).

IV. Vicar's Report – see report; shared some of the learnings and discussion from his recent local meetings with fellow pastors. Meeting with Boy Scouts re: girls in the troop, next Wednesday at 9 am.

V. Treasurer's Report – see report; January was not a good month for contributions. New computer was set up in the office.
Motion to approve 1 – Jenn, 2 - Sandy *APPROVED*

VI. Committee Reports:

- a. Christian Education** – Michelle Fegely & Jenn O'Neil – meeting was tonight, minutes will be forthcoming
- b. Evangelism** – Inactive
- c. Finance Committee** - no meeting
- d. Local Shared Outreach** – Sharon Billger and Sandy Newkirk- see report; They had Game Night on 2/9. Shared Abundance Community Mean on 4/25.
- e. Mutual Ministry** – Dan Batz – meetings in January and February, there is a generally positive feeling about the resolution of an issue.
- f. Property** – Martin Billger – see report; still trying to resolve the issue with the sound box. We are good on fuel.
- g. Restoration & Fundraising Task Force** – see report; some discussion about whether to continue the window restoration project.
- h. Scouting** – Matt Dietrich – Eagle Scout request for use of building April 29 afternoon for Eagle Ceremony. **Motion** 1- Matt, 2- Jenn *APPROVED*

- I. Social Ministry** – Janice Clemmer - see report
- j. Stewardship** – Diane German and Diane Gaumer; remaining “inactive” envelopes will be stored. Maybe a letter will be sent to those folks.
- k. Women's Ministry** – Sharon Billger - see report
- l. Worship and Music** – Jeff Wetzel – **Motion:** There will be one Easter Sunday service, at 10:15 am, and no breakfast. 1- Jenn, 2- Richard, **APPROVED**; In addition, there was a discussion about who does the announcements.
- m. Youth Ministry** – Jen Gehris
Motion to approve committee reports – 1-Amber, 2-Sandy **APPROVED**

VI. Old/Unfinished Business:

- a. Friend Inc.** – Soups and Stews
- b. Jingle Project** – Keystone Military Families-Shoemakersville
- c. Policy Manual** – thoughts going forward (Jenn) – we will look at the ELCAs recommendations for the Business Ethics/Conflict of Interest & the Computer/Internet Use policies. Jenn will bring samples to next meeting.
- d. Funeral policy** for non-members- vs wedding costs – still working on it.
- e. Insurance review** Sylvia – move to next month; April got the info from the insurance company.

II. New Business:

- a. Motion:** Addition of Vicar Jeremiah T. Heydt as a signatory to discretionary fund checking account at Mt Zion through Fleetwood Bank (account # [REDACTED]), and removal of Janice Clemmer. The account shall remain a single authorization. 1- Amber, 2- Matt **APPROVED**
- b. Vicar Heydt's** next quarterly review (Feb?) – Vicar will contact Mary Gade for times to meet.
- c. Thoughts on improving snow removal** – Most important is whether Martin can verify that the lots can be plowed in a timely manner. There is a system in place, there was just a communication breakdown this past snowfall. The person who plows donates his time. We may need to err on the side of caution and close the office. Amber could get someone here if she has enough lead time.

Motion to close 1- Richard, 2- Amber

Adjournment and Closing Prayer – 8:44 pm

Reminders:

Next Council Meeting – Thursday March 15th, 7:00 PM

Cards???

Newsletter items to Suzy (office), Sharon Billger and April for February newsletter are due February 15th.

Submitted by Jenn O'Neil, Council Secretary

Joey Arndt, Council President

Matthew Dietrich, Council Vice-President

Jennifer O'Neil, Council Secretary