

**Mt. Zion Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
December 8, 2022 7:00 PM at Mt. Zion**

**Draft until approved**

**In attendance:** Missy Keller (Pres), Michelle Fegely (VP), Karen Wanamaker (Sec), April Osterstock, Greg Schappell, Jean Gaston, Bill Green, Dan Batz

**Guests:** none

**Absent:** Anna Wanamaker (volleyball), Vicar Heydt

**Meeting called to order** at: 7:15 p.m.

**1. Devotion:**

- a. This month: Greg
- b. January: Anna/Karen

**2. Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Motion by April/Greg to approve November minutes. Motion approved.

**3. Correspondence:** none

**4. Vicar's Report:** Sent in email

**5. Treasurer's Report:** Highlights

- a. Purchase of replacement items continues; keeping a list of things to report what was lost that wasn't on the insurance list
- b. Received two large checks from CM totaling \$413,622.80. Paid Belfor all but \$61,930.30 which is considered 'outstanding reserve' by Insurance Co. There are still a few loose ends that Belfor needs to finish before the final money can be released.
- c. We received additional \$12,000 in donations in November for the Basement project. An additional \$5,000 in pledges is expected. We have paid Uhrig \$223,462.51 of \$254,848.35 (approx. 88%). No further checks will be issued to them until more progress is seen. At this point in time, we have more than needed to complete the project which means that some 'other sources' will not be needed. Any extra specified donations made will be applied to outstanding loan balance.
- d. We no longer need to use savings for basement project.
- e. We have paid 50% of the flooring costs as down payment. (\$7,972.50)
- f. Investments are showing some gains but still below our highest balances.

- g. Setting up a payment to get a light replaced in the parking/front of church
- h. Jingle project is now bringing in about \$50 per week; passing the plate also seems to be bringing in more donations.

Motion by Karen/Bill to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion approved.

**6. Committee Reports:**

- a. Christian Education (all levels Fegely, Batz, & Dietrich / Wanamaker)
  - No reports received, but practices for the Sunday School Christmas program are underway. Thanks to Briahna Batz for finding and preparing the program. Program will be Dec. 18th.
- b. Evangelism– Not active
- c. Finance Committee – April Osterstock / Greg Schappell - no report
- d. Fundraising Committee- Janice Clemmer (note taker) /Greg Schappell - report emailed.
- e. Local Shared Outreach – Sharon Billger /Jean Gaston Highlights from the report:
  - Friend Inc. for December: Pet foods & treats
  - Jingle Project – Oct-Dec: Christ's Church at Lowhill Food Pantry
  - April mentioned how appreciative she and her husband were for the help offered by the Labor of Love group. Council members agreed that it is a wonderful ministry.
  - Family Game night is coming up at Mt. Zion on February 17th 6-9.
  - April mentioned that we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the building in 2023. We can have a big meal and invite the Bishop. She is developing a planning committee.
- f. Mutual Ministry – Dan Batz /Missy Keller- no report
- g. Property – Martin Billger / Greg Schappell - emailed report; Highlights:
  - Pews and floors were fixed and look better
  - Noted progress in basement projects
  - Waiting for the heat to be finished in basement
- h. Social Ministry – Janice Clemmer /Jean Gaston- no report;

- i. Stewardship – Diane German and Diane Gaumer /Missy Keller - No report  
NOTE: Envelopes are ready and being distributed
- j. Worship and Music – December 6th meeting minutes emailed

Motion by Michelle/Jean to approve committee reports. Motion approved.

## **7. Old Business**

- a. Building:
  - Basement work is underway
  - Fire restoration update: mostly done
  - Council took a tour of the basement progress. They noted an issue with the low cabinets over the sink. Greg will talk to Martin about it.
- b. Emergency/Disaster Planning: on hold
- c. Review of Chapter 12/13 from the Constitution: on hold until 2023
- d. Policy reviews: on hold until 2023
- e. Long Lane Road realignment: No updates
- f. Security Cameras: no updates; on hold until 2023/after the basement is done

## **8. New Business**

- a. Approval of new members: Pam & Scott Salgado; Baptism of Monique (Megio) Fleck child in March  
April/Dan moved to accept Pam & Scott as new members and approve the baptism. Motion approved.
- b. Council discussed creating a college scholarship from the endowment fund for our high school students who are going on for further education. We currently have a little over \$20,000 in that fund. Greg/April motioned that we should create the policy and criteria for the idea and write something for our Constitution. We will need to develop an application as well. Motion Carried. We will continue to discuss this at the next meeting. Missy will see what she can find out from the school about how to develop a scholarship.
- c. Date of next meeting: January 12th
- d. Note for February: Missy will not be here on February 9th for our meeting. Michelle can run the meeting.

- 9. Motion for Adjournment by April/Greg. Motion approved. Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

## 10. Closing Prayer

Submitted by Karen Wanamaker, Council Secretary