

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

Draft until approved

In attendance: Missy Keller (Pres), Karen Wanamaker (Sec), Dan Batz, Vicar Heydt, Bill Green, , Noah Grube, April Osterstock (treas.), Greg Schappell, Jean Gaston, Michelle Fegely (VP)

Guests: none

Absent: Anna Wanamaker (volleyball game)

Meeting called to order at: 7:01 p.m.

1. Devotion:

- a. This month: Michelle
- b. September: Karen

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Motion by Dan/Noah to approve August minutes as written. Motion approved.

- 3. Correspondence:** Copy of correspondence/complaint sent to the Bishop by Donn and Susan Jaynes regarding the lights and the carillon. Synod informed them that this is a local matter to be resolved with the Vicar and Council of Mt. Zion. Discussion followed. We have a permit for the lighting, which is installed for safety, and we have made several previous adjustments to the carillon system to try to help this complaint. Missy will inform Donn and Susan Jaynes that we can forward the information to our Mutual Ministry Committee, where concerns between members and leadership are addressed. If they accept this path, Dan Batz will lead the Mutual Ministry Committee in this effort.

4. Vicar's Report: August report

5. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Reviewed the reports / highlights:
 - Received the check for the \$90,000 loan; April deposited it into our demand checking account to use for paying for the basement renovations. UPDATE from previous minutes: With the unsecured loan, we get it as a lump sum then pay that back.
 - Received part of the money from Church Mutual towards the organ
 - Donations have remained low, but we are still in the black

- We have about \$60,000 in the account to purchase things that we need to replace (cabinets, tables, supplies, etc.). There is also money in the Christian Ed fund that we can use for CE needs.
- b. Motion by Karen/Jean to approve. Motion approved.

6. Committee Reports:

- a. Christian Education (all levels Fegely/Batz/Dietrich)/M. Fegely & K. Wanamaker
 - Sunday school: Christian Education Committee met on September 1st. Highlights from the report:
 - Discussed starting up fresh with supplies and storage
 - Michelle mentioned that she will be updating the list of Christian education volunteers
 - Confirmation: no separate report
 - Youth Group: First meeting will take place in October
- b. Evangelism– Not active
- c. Finance Committee – April Osterstock / Greg Schappell - Met August 30th
 - Council reviewed the budget for next year
 - April explained that it looks larger due to projects, but it is in fact the lowest actual budget in several years outside of the projects
 - 5% raises were designated for Sylvia and Martin; Vicar did not want a raise, but we will add a higher amount to his retirement instead
 - Extra funds were designated for fuel to help with higher costs
 - April noted that the figures she provided for this year will change as we finish out this fiscal year with income and expense
 - Greg/Michelle motioned to approve the 2022-2023 budget and send it to the Congregation for their approval on October 9th. Motion approved.
- d. Fundraising Committee- Janice Clemmer (note taker) /Greg Schappell - no report
- e. Local Shared Outreach – Sharon Billger /Jean Gaston Highlights from the report:
 - Friend Inc.: September: Laundry items; October: soups/stews
 - Jingle Project – Oct-Dec: Christ's Church at Lowhill Food Pantry
 - Fall abundance meal will be at New Jerusalem Zion

- f. Mutual Ministry – Dan Batz /Missy Keller-No report
 - g. Property – Martin Billger / Noah Grube
 - Thanks was given to Noah for his work organizing the stonework project. He reported that most of the items discussed at the last Property Committee meeting have already been updated or covered.
 - Vicar’s updates: Lights are up; carpet is in; mulch is spread; waiting on news for fixing pew tops—looks like it should be covered; water line has been moved; The basement floor is ground down for where the epoxy floor will be for the kitchen
 - Fridge and freezer have been ordered and will be donated by members; Cost of stoves will also be covered by donation. While these costs will be covered by insurance, the donations leave us more money to be used towards paying back the loan.
 - h. Social Ministry – Janice Clemmer /Jean Gaston-No report
 - i. Stewardship – Diane German and Diane Gaumer /Missy Keller - No report
 - j. Worship and Music – Marcia Green /Bill Green - Next meeting is Oct 4th
- Motion by Noah/Dan to approve committee reports. Motion approved

7. Old Business

- a. Building: covered above
- b. Emergency/Disaster Planning: on hold
- c. Hallway cleanup - will need new bulletin boards
- d. Review of Chapter 12/13 from the Constitution: on hold
- e. Policy reviews: on hold
- f. Long Lane Road realignment:
 - Missy sent questions sent to the engineer; no official response
 - Council members discussed what has been heard from several conversations and the township meeting. We will need to have representation at the township meetings to stay on top of this issue and any plans that are being devised
- g. Security Cameras: No updates

8. New Business

a. Annual review of membership roster per our constitution C12.07

- April provided the roster with last attendance and donation dates
- Discussed several updates that were needed
- Questions:
 - If parents are inactive, should everyone in the family become deactivated from the roll? Yes, unless the older children are completing the eligibility requirements on their own.
 - When are confirmed students considered adults? They become eligible adult members at Confirmation. They will receive envelopes in the future/moving forward. They get their own record at that point for attendance, communing, and giving. Confirmed students would become inactive if they don't meet requirements after Confirmation.
 - Should confirmation and Sunday school students get envelopes? Possibly. This would teach them about giving even if it is a small amount donated.
 - Voting membership is defined more specifically than active membership::
Mt. Zion Constitution C8.02: ***Voting*** members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation.

b. Approval of new members: none

c. Date of next meeting: October 13th—our yearly reorganizational meeting: Welcome new members; thank members who are leaving; elect new officers & update roster with contact information; assign tasks for new year; new officer and council installation will be on Oct 16th at Worship

9. Motion for Adjournment by Jean/Michelle. Motion approved. Adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

10. Closing Prayer

Submitted by Karen Wanamaker, Council Secretary