

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2023 7:00 PM at Mt. Zion

Approved 5/11/23

In attendance: Missy Keller (Pres), Michelle Fegely (VP), Karen Wanamaker (Sec), April Osterstock (Treas), Dan Batz; Jeremiah Heydt, Greg Schappell, Jean Gaston

Absent: Anna Wanamaker (volleyball practice), Bill Green

Guest: Martin was here at the beginning of the meeting

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

1. Devotions for 2023:

- a. April: Jeremiah
- b. May: Missy

2. Guest: Martin

- a. Martin showed the Council information for a 12x24 shed that would cost \$8640 plus a \$200 delivery fee. Total cost for everything for the project should be around \$9100. It would take about 6 weeks for delivery.
 - Will need a stone pad; Martin said that he will build a ramp
 - Would hold the equipment and the extra tables and chairs.
 - Would go beside the stage - street side
 - If possible, would like electric in the future
- b. Martin also updated the Council about the Boy Scouts - two parents of our Boy Scouts died this past week. The Scouts would like to have a fundraiser with an ice cream truck and maybe another food truck. They would run it off the stage and in the parking lot. Dates: April 28 or 30th. Council approved.

3. Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Motion by April/Michelle to approve March minutes. Motion approved.

- 4. **Correspondence:** Missy received a donation request from Lancaster Mennonite to put towards a scholarship, but we have not given to them in the past. We will not be sending money.
- 5. **Vicar's Report:** Sent in email; Lots of visitation for Maxatawny; Vicar will continue to do visitation until they get a full-time pastor; Vicar also commented on the funeral he did for a classmate.
- 6. **Treasurer's Report:** Highlights
 - a. Reviewed March report.
 - Moved \$6000 from General Fund to savings

- Also put \$1466.25 in savings from donations for chairs
- Still purchasing items lost in the fire; latest item was a floor polisher
- Belfor and Uhrig are completely paid. About \$8000 still open for the basement floor
- Organ update—paid next installment
- More people are giving via e-offering; so far, we are in good shape with weekly donations

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

7. **Committee Reports:**

- a. Christian Education (all levels Fegely, Batz, & Dietrich / Wanamaker) report emailed from 3-6-23 meeting; We have had a few people interested in helping with Sunday School and/or VBS.
- b. Evangelism— Not active
- c. Finance Committee – April Osterstock / Greg Schappell: report emailed;
 - Committee met with Thrivent; April updated Council on our investments and recommendations for our funds to give us the greatest benefit. We also got a \$20,000 stock donation. April cashed it and will move the money to the money market account for the basement.
 - Shed: Council discussed Martin's request to purchase a shed. Council would like to have 3 quotes for the shed and a quote for the site prep/stone pad before approving this purchase.
 - Anniversary: "Building Centennial Celebration"
 - April showed us keychains that will be handed out
 - The celebration will be on May 21st and will consist of a 10:15 Service and then a 12:30 lunch; Bishop will be a co-celebrant
 - April also showed Council a drawing for a plaque that will hold the names of people who donated towards the basement
 - We have room for 175 in the basement; invitations will be sent soon with a response cutoff date of May 7th; once we reach 175, we will not accept further people for the event
 - Belfor has generously agreed to pay for the luncheon
- d. Fundraising Committee- Janice Clemmer (note taker) / Greg Schappell - report emailed; Council reviewed some of the fundraising efforts/ideas.
- e. Local Shared Outreach – Sharon Billger / Jean Gaston Highlights from the report:
 - Friend Inc. for April: Sandwich spreads (PB, Jelly, Fluff, etc.)

- Jingle Project for April-June: Berks Encore's Meals on Wheels Program
- Shared abundance community meal will be April 20th from 5:30-7 at Mt. Zion; Dessert sign-up sheet is in the Conference Room
- f. Mutual Ministry – Dan Batz / Missy Keller- Council discussed a confidential meeting held on March 26th as well as how the committee will fill vacancies.
- g. Property – Martin Billger / Greg Schappell - emailed report; Council discussed the plan to purchase more tables.
- 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: emailed report from 3/21/23 meeting;
 - Friedens Lutheran invited us to attend their Lakeside Service on July 23rd; We will announce it to the congregation for anyone who wishes to attend.
 - W&M mentioned Council being ushers in their minutes. Council discussed this. We were unaware this was an issue and will take better note of when we are scheduled.

Motion by Dan/April to approve committee reports. Motion approved.

8. Old Business

- a. Building:
 - Basement flooring: Started redoing the floor this week
 - fire restoration update: nothing new
- b. Emergency/Disaster Planning: on hold
- c. Policy reviews: on hold; Will review information for volunteer clearances in May
- d. Security Cameras: nothing new
- e. Scholarship Fund:
 - One applicant this year. May 10th is award night at KASD. Missy will present the award. April/Missy moved that the selected applicant should receive the full \$1000 scholarship amount. Motion approved.
 - We need two Council members and three congregation members (people who are familiar with our youth but not family members of any applicants for each given year) to serve on a committee for this in the future. Michelle Fegely and Jean Gaston will serve as Council members on

the committee for the 2023-2024 school year. Council must decide how to proceed for future years when there may be multiple applicants. How will we determine how the money is given/divided?

9. New Business

- a. Approval of new members: Tallman Family (Katie, Nathan, Carter, and Adelynn)
Motion by Karen/April to approve new members. Motion approved.
- b. Church directory: Jeff Wetzel approached Missy about doing a new directory for 2024 (last done in 2019); all committees should begin to take and save photos; need someone to lead this process; Missy will get more information from Jeff and talk to committees about the photos.
- c. Summerfest: Do we want to try to do Summerfest this summer? Council concluded that it is probably too late this year, but they agreed that we should do it again. April suggested that we ask the Congregation at the October meeting as to whether they want to support and do this. We will need someone to lead it and lots of volunteers.
- d. Karen/Dan moved that we make a \$500 donation towards the Boy Scouts' fundraiser that Martin mentioned at the beginning of tonight's meeting. Motion approved.
- e. Date of next meeting: May 11

10. Motion for Adjournment by April/Michelle. Motion approved. Adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

11. Closing Prayer

Submitted by Karen Wanamaker, Council Secretary