

**Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2023 7:00 PM at Mt. Zion**

Approved 6/8/23

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

Absent: none

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 p.m.

1. Devotions for 2023:

- a. May: Missy
- b. June: Michelle

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Motion by Dan/Michelle to approve the April minutes. Motion approved.

3. Correspondence: none

4. Vicar's Report: Sent in email;

5. Treasurer's Report: Highlights

- a. Settlement offer from Church Mutual: Negotiated a closing amount for the claim including work that must be finished plus \$50,000 for personal property that still has to be replaced. This will close out the CM claim.
- b. Reviewed the April report.
 - Paid balance of flooring
 - Received about \$20,000 in stock transfer
 - April discussed Thrivent changes/recommendations
 - Anniversary celebration: In good shape for 100th anniversary party; 110 people replied; April shared some of the details

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

6. Committee Reports:

- a. Christian Education (all levels Fegely, Batz, & Dietrich / Wanamaker): No VBS this year due mostly to needing more volunteers
- b. Evangelism— Not active

- c. Finance Committee – April Osterstock / Greg Schappell: Information about our Thrivent investments was shared with the Treasurer’s Report
 - d. Fundraising Committee- Janice Clemmer (note taker) / Greg Schappell: emailed report
 - e. Local Shared Outreach – Sharon Billger / Jean Gaston: Highlights from the report:
 - Friend Inc. for May: Personal Care/Hygiene Items
 - Jingle Project for April-June: Berks Encore’s Meals on Wheels Program
 - 34 attendees at Shared Abundance Community Spring Meal on April 20th
 - f. Mutual Ministry – Dan Batz / Missy Keller: no report
 - g. Property – Martin Billger / Greg Schappell: Emailed report–highlights:
 - Shed update/discussion: Martin got three quotes for a shed. Vicar shared the information with the Council. \$8640 was the lowest quote; 12x24 shed. With stone and permit everything would be under \$10,000. Motion by April/Greg to get the 12x24 shed from Eastern Shed Company LLC at price of \$8840 plus stones/pad, delivery, and ramp for a total cost not to exceed \$15,000. Motion approved.
 - Discussed allowing Boy Scouts to again hang their Eagle sign near lower entrance
 - h. Social Ministry – Janice Clemmer /Jean Gaston: No sewing dates until the fall. If anyone would like to apply for a Thrivent Action Grant, they would like to make fleece blankets again this year. Contact Janice for more information.
 - i. Stewardship – Diane German and Diane Gaumer /Missy Keller: no report
 - j. Worship and Music – Marcia Green/Bill Green: Next meeting 6/6/23
- Motion by Michelle/April to approve committee reports. Motion approved.

7. Old Business

- a. Building:
 - Basement flooring: Done
 - fire restoration update: Done except for the organ
- b. Emergency/Disaster Planning: on hold

- c. Policy reviews: Council was given copies of the current “Child/Youth Protection Guidelines” to review for next meeting
 - d. Security Cameras: no update
 - e. Scholarship Fund:
 - Missy presented the award to Briahna Batz last night at the award ceremony at KASD. Dan noted how well Missy did with her speech and presentation.
 - Committee and process finalization: Jean and Michelle will lead this in the future along with several members from the congregation.
 - f. Church directory: on hold–will bring it up at the annual meeting
8. **New Business**
- a. Approval of new members: none
 - b. Council members will greet/usher on June 11th
 - c. Date of next meeting: June 8th
9. Motion for Adjournment by Anna/April. Motion approved. Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
10. Closing Prayer

Submitted by Karen Wanamaker, Council Secretary