

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2023 7:00 PM at Mt. Zion

Approved 8/10/23

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

Absent: Michelle Fegely (VP)

Meeting called to order at: 6:56 p.m.

1. Devotions for 2023:

- a. June: Dan
- b. August: Michelle

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Motion by April/Dan to approve the May Minutes. Motion approved.

3. Correspondence: none

4. Vicar's Report: Sent in email;

5. Treasurer's Report: Highlights

- a. Centennial celebration went well
- b. Transferred \$5500 from general fund to get the new lawn mower
- c. Received the remaining money for the organ repair
- d. Paid off our loan and are debt free again!!
- e. Put down a deposit on the shed; Discussion about the shed installation
- f. Parking lot sealing—paid; Discussion about quality of the job and suggestion that perhaps we can repave next year

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

6. Committee Reports:

- a. Christian Education (all levels Fegely, Batz, & Dietrich / Wanamaker):
Congratulations to four confirmands: Elliot, Konnor, Laura, and Sydney
- b. Evangelism— Not active
- c. Finance Committee – April Osterstock / Greg Schappell: no report
- d. Fundraising Committee- Janice Clemmer (note taker) / Greg Schappell: emailed minutes from May 15th meeting
- e. Local Shared Outreach – Sharon Billger / Jean Gaston: Emailed—Highlights from the report:

- Friend Inc. for June: Condiments and Suddenly Salad mixes

- Jingle Project for April-June: Berks Encore's Meals on Wheels Program
- Labor of Love held on May 13th was a success and will return in the fall
- f. Mutual Ministry – Dan Batz / Missy Keller: no report
- g. Property – Martin Billger / Greg Schappell: Emailed report
 - reviewed the minutes and noted that Greg also helped remove the dirt piles
 - Getting additional mics like Sylvia has because they work better
- 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: Minutes emailed from meeting 6/6/23
 - Council discussed W&M's concern about the "Call to alter": biggest concerns are for visitors who may not know how we go up for Communion and that the lids be placed on the cups
 - Council recommends that the Communion assistants place the lids on the cups when they are finished at the altar and that announcements on how we do Communion be placed in the bulletin and verbalized by Vicar instead of having an usher dismiss people, explain Communion, and replace the lids.
 - Missy asked about recordings on the new piano for times when Sylvia cannot be here. The songs are not yet recorded.

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

7. Old Business

- a. Building: no update
- b. Emergency/Disaster Planning: on hold
- c. Policy reviews: Council discussed the "Child/Youth Protection Guidelines" – Due to the complexity of the document, Missy, Michelle F and Karen will get together and make suggestions for edits at the August meeting rather than tackling this as a whole group.
- d. Security Cameras: Vicar will begin to look into video cameras for security

8. New Business

- a. Approval of new members: none

- b. Council as Ushers and Greeters:
 - June 11th: Karen, Anna, and volunteers
 - July 9th: Dan, Bill, Missy, and Greg
 - August 13th: Dan, Karen, Anna, Jean
 - c. Date of next meeting: AUGUST 10th (no meeting in July); Need to discuss congregational meeting—probably Oct 8th.
9. Motion for Adjournment by April/Anna. Motion approved. Adjourned at 6:54 p.m.
10. Closing Prayer

Submitted by Karen Wanamaker, Council Secretary