

**Mt. Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 10, 2023 7:00 PM at Mt. Zion**

**Approved 9-14-2023**

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

**Absent:** Michelle Fegely (VP), April Osterstock (Treas)

**Meeting called to order at:** 7:03 p.m.

**1. Devotions for 2023:**

- a. August: Anna
- b. September: Michelle

**2. Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Motion by Jean/Bill to approve the June Minutes. (No July meeting.) Motion approved.

**3. Correspondence:** none

**4. Vicar's Report:** Sent in email; continued meetings, visitations, services, and coverage for Maxatawny; also covered for Pastor Tammie; Other items: Roeller Dietrich funeral and volunteered at Kempton Fair stand. Vicar also noted that we will have new members and that Maxatawny's pastor is on ¼ time right now, which gives him more visitation to cover.

**5. Treasurer's Reports:** Highlights from the June and July reports:

- a. June: Setting up a Finance Committee meeting; meeting with committees about needs for next year's budget.

Motion by Anna/Dan to approve the June treasurer's Report. Motion approved.

- b. July:

- 1. Paid balance of renovation loan to MIF - \$60,090.24 using donations & insurance money.
- 2. 3,500 Gal of Fuel @ \$2.999 was delivered in July for a cost of \$10,498.30. We had \$3,255 in fuel donations. The balance (\$7200) will be transferred from savings in August.
- 3. Received the new Church Mutual policy with next year's rate. Our premium increased about \$70 per month for a total of \$831/year. One difference is that this year April included the terrorism clause which added a cost of \$160/year or about \$13/month.

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

**6. Committee Reports:**

- a. Christian Education (all levels Fegely, Batz, & Dietrich / Wanamaker): Rally Day is September 17th.

- 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 June 19th and July 17th meetings; Highlights:
  - Sausage sale: \$820.54 profit (includes \$12 for a cookbook)
  - Kempton Fair: received \$663.73 for our volunteer work/time at the pizza stand
  - Upcoming events: R&K sandwiches (Sept 21), Boscov's Friends Helping Friends (Oct 18), Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner (Oct 21), Christmas Bazaar (Nov 18)
- e. Local Shared Outreach – Sharon Billger / Jean Gaston: emailed report; Highlights:
  - Friend Inc. for August: Mac & Cheese and dry pastas
  - Jingle Project for July-September: Helping Harvest Weekender Program
  - Fall Shared Abundance Community Meal: Thursday, October 26, 5:30-7 PM at New Jerusalem Zion UCC.
  - Speakers coming in coming months
- f. Mutual Ministry – Dan Batz / Missy Keller: no report
- g. Property – Martin Billger / Greg Schappell: Emailed report; Highlights:
  - Parking lot: sealed parking but it still needs work – Robert Mika recommended to repave
  - Boiler will be serviced and oil filled
  - Shed is now delivered
- 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: Highlights from the August 8th meeting:
  - Call to Alter - W&M would like dismissal for Communion from the back so that ushers can cover the plates. Council decided last month that the Communion Assistants should cover the plates when they return to their seats because Communion is not over until they leave the altar.
  - Further discussions touched on the need for more acolytes, training for both acolytes and Communion assistants, and the struggle to appeal to our youth membership and keep them active. Anna noted that the Youth Group is still popular amongst the youth members. A call for volunteers for acolytes will go out to anyone over age 14.

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

## **7. Old Business**

- a. Building: organ is coming back! They started to put in the new wiring.
- b. Emergency/Disaster Planning: on hold
- c. Policy reviews: "Child/Youth Protection Guidelines": Missy, Michelle, and Karen met to review the document on July 19th. Karen created a new document with the changes and updates. They also decided to create a new volunteer application and agreement, which is at the end of the document. They have not finished the Staff Training, Reporting, and Responding sections. A copy of the draft was shared via email with Council members. Please send any feedback or suggestions to Karen.
- d. Security Cameras: Vicar is working on this. Council agreed that we should get quotes for wired and wireless camera options. Dan knows someone who might be able to help.
- e. Scholarship: Jean and Michelle have been working on a new document. We will look at this next month.

## **8. New Business**

- a. Approval of new members:
  - Katherine Apple
  - Lindsay Collins & children Hailey & Parker
  - Christopher Fresa
  - Denise Marie Strozyk

Motion by Anna/Dan to approve new members. Motion approved..

- b. Annual Congregational Meeting: October 8th; need to advertise
- c. Council as Ushers and Greeters:
  - August 13th: Dan, Karen, Anna, Jean (Anna and Karen are greeters)
  - September 10th: Bill, Missy, Greg, Michelle (Bill and Missy)
- d. Date of next Council meeting: September 14th

9. Motion for Adjournment by Karen/Anna. Motion approved. Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

10. Closing Prayer

Submitted by Karen Wanamaker, Council Secretary