

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

approved 11/8/2023

In attendance: Missy Keller (Pres), Karen Wanamaker (Sec), Michelle Fegely (VP), April Osterstock (outgoing Treas./council member), Lindsay Collins (incoming Treas./non-council), Dan Batz,, Greg Schappell, Bill Green, Anna Wanamaker

Absent: Jean Gaston (vacation), Jeremiah Heydt, Lorrie Arndt (vacation)

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

1. Devotions for 2023:

- a. October: April
- b. November: Greg

2. Visitors

3. Welcome new members

4. Election of new officers: the following were elected by acclamation

- a. President: Karen Wanamaker
- b. Vice President: Michelle Fegely
- c. Secretary: Lorrie Arndt
- d. Treasurer: Lindsay Collins
- e. Financial Secretary: Jean Gaston
- f. Date to install Council members is October 15th

5. Discussion about a new bulletin board for posting help wanted for various committees.

6. Minutes from Previous Meeting:

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

7. Correspondence: none

8. Vicar's Report: Sent in email;

9. Treasurer's Reports: Highlights from the September report and end of the fiscal year report:

- a. Notes and highlights
 - Opened new account at Truist; Santander account is still open until next month's payroll is complete
 - April is working with Lindsay to bring her up to speed with accounts, passwords, etc.

- The fiscal year ended on a strong note. The basement renovations and restorations are complete. The church restoration is complete except for the return of the organ
- During the last fiscal year, we changed to a more moderately conservative investment strategy (previously more aggressive)
- \$41,000 verbal quote to completely resurface the lower parking lot
- b. Motion by Karen/Bill to approve the September Treasurer's Report. Motion approved.

10. Committee Reports:

- a. Christian Education (all levels) Fegely, Batz, & Vicar / Wanamaker: no report
- 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 the September 18th Meeting; Highlights: R&K Sandwich Sale profit was \$497.75 which will go towards the cost of tables and chairs for Sunday School; Boscov's Friends Helping Friends coupons for October 18th sale; Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner scheduled for Oct. 21st; Christmas Bazaar scheduled for Nov. 18th
- e. Local Shared Outreach – Sharon Billger / Jean Gaston: emailed report; Highlights:
 - Friend Inc. for October: baking supplies and mixes
 - Jingle Project for October-December: Holy Joe's Cafe
 - Fall Shared Abundance Community Meal: Thursday, October 26, 5:30-7 PM at New Jerusalem Zion UCC.
 - Lots of cards sent out
 - Sandwich sale to benefit Bethany Children's Home
 - Spring blood drive - yet to be scheduled
- f. Mutual Ministry – Dan Batz / Missy Keller: no report
- g. Property – Martin Billger / Greg Schappell: Emailed report from Sept 18th meeting; Highlights: Martin is working on the inside of the new shed, security lights for the parking lot across the street are in, but he needs help mounting them; Quote for about \$5000 to upgrade electric wiring to the pavilion; waiting for quotes for resurfacing the parking lot; carillon was not working properly, so Martin had Jonah Schlegel repair it. We will put out an e-blast to ask for help with some of Martin's to-do list.
- h. Social Ministry – Janice Clemmer /Jean Gaston: Missy reported that a late email noted that they did a veteran's breakfast and delivered school supplies
- i. Stewardship – Diane German and Diane Gaumer /Missy Keller: no report; April asked when we make the inactive members "inactive" officially in status. The answer was three years. We should send out letters to let them know they are being notified of being moved to inactive status. The letter should note that they are still members who could become active again in the future by communing,

donating, and attending again. The letter should include what active membership includes and what benefits they lose by becoming inactive. (Need to explain active, active in good standing, and inactive.) Missy will talk to Vicar about sending out letters.

- j. Worship and Music – Marcia Green/Bill Green: Meeting Minutes from Oct 3rd were emailed.

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

11. Old Business

- a. Organ: no news
- b. Emergency/Disaster Planning: on hold
- c. Policy reviews: “Child/Youth Protection Guidelines”: Draft emailed for Council to review at a future meeting
- d. Security Cameras: Waiting on quote
- e. Scholarship: Review documents in January
- f. Disposition of historical information: Council agreed that we should reach out to KU archives and the Kutztown Historical Society. April will contact them and find out what they would do for our information to preserve and digitize them. She will report back in November.

12. New Business

- a. Approval of new members: none
- b. Update council roster with contact information; Missy will work with Karen and complete the new information
- c. Council as greeters and ushers:
 - Nov 12: Bill, Karen, April (greeter), Missy (usher and greeter), Greg
 - Dec. 10th: TBD
- d. Date of next Council meeting: **November 8th (WEDNESDAY)**
- e. Discuss the change of time for Worship at the November meeting

13. Motion for adjournment by Anna/Greg. Motion approved. Adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

14. Closing Prayer

Submitted by Karen Wanamaker, Council Secretary