

COUNCIL MINUTES FROM MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Tuesday, September 10th, 2019 @ 7:30. The meeting was called to order by Council President Tony Mandik.

ATTENDEES: Tony Mandik, Brian Mickiewicz, Ron Hoinowski, Diane Sakal, Elaine Weinstein, Shawn Rogers, Penny Fatula, Jack Florio, George Detwiler, Paul Condrack, Mindy Swartley and Beverly Tyson.

DEVOTIONS:

Devotions were led by George Detwiler.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Approval of Congregational Meeting Dates:** Proposed dates for congregational meetings were: Budget Meeting on Nov. 24, Committee Reports on Jan. 26, 2020 and Elections on May 17, 2020. A motion was made by Mindy Swartley to accept these dates, seconded by George Detwiler and was approved unanimously.
- **Committee Budgets:** Needed by the end of next week.
- **Council Retreat:** Proposed for Oct 26. To be held at Centennial Lutheran Church and will include a facilitator. Our discussions will center on Evangelism and/or Stewardship. Please give this some thought and email ideas to Pastor and Tony.
- **Electric service to sign on Rte 724:** The growth in the scope of this project has led the Property Committee to make a recommendation that Capital Campaign funds be used to complete this project which includes new wiring , conduit, and junction boxes from the church to the sign and carries an estimated cost of \$3000. George Detwiler made the motion, seconded by Paul Condrack, to move forward with this work. It passed unanimously.

REPORTS

- **Minutes from the previous meeting:** These minutes were not available. There was no review. Minutes from the June 11 meeting were once again reviewed. Mindy made a motion to accept them, Beverly Tyson seconded the motion and they were unanimously approved.
- **Pastor's Report: Pastor Paul:** Pastor was on vacation in Argentina at the time of the meeting. His report is included.
- **Christian Ed/Youth: Penny Fatula:**
The "Rally Day" was a great success with over 60 attendees. And Sunday, September 8th, was the first day back for our youth group. Good turnout there also.
- **Finance Committee: Jack Florio**
There was no meeting this month
- **Property Committee: Ron Hoinowski:**

Mold had been discovered in one of the closets at the old parsonage, a result of water gaining entrance to the house when the tree fell on it last year. Copies of the full report from Servpro along with photos of the damaged area were distributed to Council members. Remediation has already begun but Ron asked Jack to provide information on how much money remains in the

Property Committee budget to give the committee some guidelines on what degree of repair work can be done this year. Jack will arrange to have Cathy provide that information to the Property Committee.

Proposed changes to the altar area: An architect has been selected and is working with the Property Committee on various changes with an eye toward presenting descriptions and estimates for the work in the near future. Timing of the project is not certain but possibly beginning in early 2020 and ending before the hotter summer weather gets here.

- **Social Ministry: George Detwiler:**

Thank you to the "Zion farmers" for providing tomatoes and peppers to the food pantry. Thank you, also, to everyone who continues to keep the shopping cart filled. Donations are always very much appreciated.

The Lunch and Laughter for Seniors" group met at O'Grady's on August 7th. Fifteen members enjoyed lunch and fellowship. The next "Lunch and Laughter" will be held in October. Details will be forthcoming.

The collection of gently used shoes will continue through the end of September. Shoes will be donated to In Ian's Boots. As of this date, over 100 pairs have already been donated.

The annual Spring-Ford Crop Hunger Walk will be held on October 20th. More information will be provided when it becomes available.

Zion's "Local Outreach" project will continue through year end.

- **Stewardship Committee:** No report

- **Welcoming Committee:** No report

- **Worship and Music:** Ron Hoinowski

- The "Sundae Sunday" seemed to go over very well.
- "Guitar Sunday is coming up in a couple of weeks
- 16 year old Emily Amos will be the organist for Music Fest this year.
- Choir practice has resumed and Bell Choir practice will be resuming between our two services on Sept. 15th.

- **Capital Campaign:** George Detwiler

- Receipts for the month totaled \$2,681.00 and expenses were \$3,999.00 reflecting the purchase of a new copier.

- **Zion School:**

- No Report

- **Zion Cemetery:**

- No report

- **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Jack Florio:

Total Current Fund income for the month of August totaled \$15,705.68 and expenses were \$28,788.26 leaving a monthly deficit of \$13,082.58. Our cumulative Current Fund deficit for the Calendar year 2019 now stands at \$37,621.67. Among the largest Current Fund expenses leading to our August result were taxes (\$4,900), tree removal at the playground (\$2,350), preschool floor waxing (\$2,000), insurance (\$1,694.00).

The full monthly financial report is attached to this report.

OPEN DISCUSSION & CALENDAR

Ron Hoinowski brought up “donor centered contributions” and suggested possibly acknowledging contributions with a thank you periodically and letting members know where their contributions are going, possibly with a note in the quarterly updates. Jack Florio offered that this is typically what is done with the Capital Campaign and not with general contributions. Further discussion on this may be necessary.

Jack informed Council that when the latest statements went out a short letter gently reminding people of their 2019 pledge commitment was included. This only went to those who are behind in their commitments.

The meeting ended with Council praying The Lord's Prayer.