

# Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 via Zoom

**Attendees:** Pastor T. Mackie, E. Weinstein, B. Miller-Seeley, B. Tyson, A. Kirk, S. Moore, T. Mandik, D. Sakal, M. Shaw, J. Florio, A. Mastrangelo, A. Moore, S. Rogers

**Absent:** C. Kirk, B. Mickiewicz

**Call to Order:** M. Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:33pm. B. Miller-Seeley gave devotions.

## **Action Items:**

-Pastor T. Mackie, J. Florio and D. Sakal are not eligible to cast a vote for whom should get the Richard G. Nelson award. Council members will email who they feel should receive the award between the candidates to E. Weinstein. E. Weinstein will tally up the votes and email the winner's name to Pastor T. Mackie and C. Joseph (Zion office manager).

-Discussion was held on the current covid situation. Should Zion continue to allow outside groups in to use our facilities? Pastor T. Mackie said most churches are shutting down and not allowing outside groups into their churches. If it is ok with S. Roger's, who would be affected most due to having to thoroughly clean up after the outside group left, then yes Zion will continue to allow outside groups to use our facilities. People should sign in upon arrival. Zion will continue to keep in person worship as is for now. Masks are required.

-Zion is still planning to go to two services in March. If covid numbers increase over the next several months this will be revisited. Times are 8:30 and 10:00 with Sunday School in between.

-Pastor T. Mackie was able to share the Pastors job description on her screen. S. Moore read it out loud. T. Mandik made a motion to accept the job description. B. Tyson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Pastors job description was approved.

-A brief discussion was held regarding how to contact the congregation for church closures due to inclement weather. Pastor T. Mackie stated the day school uses a service called One Call Now. She feels it is around \$500/year. T. Mandik will take a look into this as part of the Technology Committee.

### **Discussion Items:**

-M. Shaw has already completed the changes to the write ups for the committee descriptions in the Constitution. She emailed to Pastor T. Mackie today. She will email to all Council members and we will vote to accept the Constitution via email.

### **Reports:**

-Pastors Report:

-Pastor T. Mackie gave 3 suggestions as to where Zion could donate the money in the Benevolence Fund. Dollar amount is \$3,475. The Welcome Church (Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia), Saint Mary's Shelter in Phoenixville, and Good Samaritan in Phoenixville. T. Mandik made a motion to divide equally amongst all three organizations. B. Miller-Seeley 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

-Pastor T. Mackie started a discussion about the small parcel of land on the other side of Bonnie Brae that is owned by the church. The person who wants to purchase the property in constantly calling the church office. Zion has very little info on the parcel. S. Moore will try to track down some information. He will also reach out to G. Detwiler who may be able to assist. T. Mandik suggested reaching out to R. Hoinowski as well.

-Christian Ed/Youth:

-There was no Sunday School or Confirmation on Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup> due to high number of covid cases. Will be back in person on Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

-Christian Ed has a babysitting event planned in February. S. Rogers will discuss this at the Christian Ed meeting on Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup> to see if the committee wants to postpone due to the increase in covid cases.

-S. Rogers is going to head up a Youth Group Bible Study. The youth have shown interest in this. They would meet once a month for an hour.

-Finance Committee/Monthly Reports:

-J. Florio stated that Zion ended up with only a \$28,000 deficit at the end of 2021 largely due to the preschool contribution. The Ministry fund has \$130,000 in it due to a \$80,000 generous donation from one benefactor and a \$50,000 check from the Paycheck Protection Program. S. Moore made a motion to take \$28,000 from the Ministry fund to zero out the deficit. T. Mandik 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

-Electronic Giving has been revamped. GivePlus is now Vanco. People can also download the Vanco Mobile app to their phone and give that way. Paypal has also been enhanced in regards to more branding options and can give up to 7 different funds. J. Florio also added two more funds to contribute to on the Vanco and Paypal sites – Ministry Fund and Fundraiser Fund. J. Florio gave council a brief demonstration of both Vanco and Paypal. A. Kirk will put a notice on Facebook about the new/enhanced e-giving options.

-B. Miller-Seeley made a motion to accept the Financial Reports. B. Tyson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

-J. Florio said all is approved for the Amazon Smiles program. Amazon will put it on their site in February. J. Florio will keep an eye on it.

-Worship and Music:

-February 9<sup>th</sup> is Founders Day. There will be a birthday cake in Fellowship Hall after the service to celebrate the day.

-Ash Wednesday service will be at 7:30 with ash distributions.

-L. Horshaw, Music Director, brought to the attention of Worship and Music that the Allen Organ is over 40 years old and needs repairs, especially speaker repairs. Estimated cost of the repairs needed is \$2,000. B. Miller-Seely made a motion to make the repairs at the estimated cost of \$2,000 and to take the funds from the Capital Campaign Fund. T. Mandik 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

-B. Tyson brought up that some people mentioned to her they found it hard to find worship times and other information on the website. J. Florio is willing to sit down with Worship and Music to further discuss. J. Florio is waiting until Zion hires a new Pastor to update the picture on the website. The Transition Team had discussed this.

-Worship and Music would like to get a sign out front. The sign for Christmas Eve services was too small. Per East Pikeland regulation, Zion can have a temporary sign up for 6 weeks or less. It was suggested that a banner is created to fit into the frame. B. Tyson will communicate this information to R. Hoinowski.

-Property:

-S. Moore is hoping doors will be installed by mid-month January.

-December maintenance issues were dealt with – replaced bulbs.

-S. Rogers is meeting with the exterminator on Friday January 14<sup>th</sup> to show him where to set the traps.

-Transition Team:

-M. Shaw is working on the MSP. She has sent to the other members on the team to review.

-Community Connections:

-At the meeting this week, they plan on working on the Basket Raffle for next year. There is a vendor event in May. Trivia night is coming up.

-S. Rogers made a motion to approve the reports. B. Tyson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

### **Open Discussion:**

-There was a brief discussion about the day school closure for this week due to an increase of covid cases in the school. Pastor T. Mackie did receive a copy of the letter sent to parents from the school director letting them know the day school was closing. A. Kirk (President of School Board) and D. Platcheck (Director of Zion School) worked together to get through the situation. Should the day school be allowed to use the 2 bathrooms upstairs and the Fellowship Hall when they return on Tuesday January 18<sup>th</sup>? It was decided yes to the bathrooms (just 2 classrooms

are using it and S. Rogers is ok with the extra cleaning) and no to Fellowship Hall.  
S. Rogers will inform D. Platcheck about this decision.

-S. Moore has devotions for next meeting Tuesday February 8 at 7:30.

-Pastor T. Makie gave a closing prayer.