

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday September 13, 2022 - 7:30 in person and zoom

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

Absent: all present

Call to Order: S. Moore called the meeting to order at 7:32. E. Weinsteiniger gave devotions..

Action Items:

- Vote on changing the paid position of Financial Secretary to Treasurer being the paid position. As of now the Treasurer is a volunteer position and not paid. The Financial Secretary is voted in and paid. B. Miller-Seeley made a motion to change it so the Treasurer is voted in and a paid position. The Financial Secretary would be a volunteer position and not paid. E. Weinsteiniger 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
- Vote on the Treasurer. B. Miller-Seeley made a motion for J. Florio to be the Treasurer. M. Randolph 2nd the motion. J. Florio accepted the position of Treasurer. Motion passed. B. Miller-Seeley volunteered to be the Financial Secretary. S. Moore will print out the FS duties and give them to B. Miller-Seeley. M. Shaw volunteered to assist with counting as she has counted before.
- Director of Christian Ed. Approval is needed on the job description and changing the title to Director of Children and Youth Ministries. B. Miller-Seeley made a motion to accept the job description and to change the title. T. Mandik 2nd the motion. Motion passed. S. Rogers will need to sign the new job description with the new title.
- S. Moore announced that Zion has a new office manager, Erin Galamba. So far she is doing a good job.

Discussion Items:

- Pastor T. Mackie requested that the preschool not use the council room as a classroom. D. Platchek, the director of the preschool, has tried to work around

the request by putting a desk in the hallway for speech therapy sessions but it has not worked out. D. Platcheck is requesting use of the council room for the speech therapy sessions. She would bring her own table and chairs into the room and not touch anything in the room. M. Shaw brought up that the Basket Raffle items are in the room which will continue to multiply as the date for the raffle comes closer. S. Moore said that if D. Platcheck keeps it to one student, one teacher we can give it a try and see what happens.

- Pastor T. Mackie noted that there are no pastoral candidates out there. It is very lean. Zion should seriously consider either sharing a pastor or hiring a part-time pastor.

Reports:

-Pastor's report:

-E. Weinstein and A. Kirk met with several council members of St. John's Lutheran church to discuss ways of collaborating between Zion, St. John's and Centennial.

-Starting October 2nd a second service will be added at 10:30.

-The Welcoming Committee has been very busy and is excited to make the foyer and common space up to date, inviting and welcoming to all.

-Christian Ed/Youth:

- S. Rogers reported that Rally Day was September 11th and had a nice little turn out in spite of the rain.

-The youth group will be very busy now until November. Every Sunday in October the youth will be doing some activity.

-October 10th D. Platcheck is having CPR training at 9:00am. Pastor T. Mackie, S. Rogers and A. Kirk are going to join the training. It is \$65/person and good for 2 years.

-Worship and Music:

- B. Tyson said they did not meet in September. Next scheduled meeting is October 3rd.

-Pastor T. Mackie mentioned that we will have two organists recording for Organ Sunday. The recordings will be made available online. A stipend of \$200 each will be provided which is coming out of the Old Organ Fund.

-Zion School Board:

-First day of Preschool was September 6th. S. Rogers reported that in spite of the rainy weather and some tears from a few children all went well.

-Social Ministry:

-For the month of September the Social Ministry is collecting shoes for the organization "In Ian's Boots".

-Lunch and Laughter for Seniors was held on September 7th with 11 people attending.

-Upcoming projects with dates to be determined will be Hope on the Hill, Giving Tree for Gamma Services, Meals for St. Mary's Shelter and Southeastern Veterans Center.

-Property:

-Mid-August Aqua Water Treatment performed services on the water system.

-D. Bauman looked at the Pastor's toilet to determine where the leak was coming from. However it has been a couple weeks since it leaked again. Will keep an eye on it.

-Discussed bringing in Scott Martin in mid-September for maintenance to the boiler.

-Need to have someone come in to look at the backup generator. It has not been looked at in years.

-Received a 2 year quote from Brian Alderman for plowing in the amount of \$5400/year for all the same services he has offered in the past including cleaning the patio. This price is higher than in the past due to raised fuel costs. S. Moore will ask D. Bauman to get one more quote. However, Brian and his crew do get to the church before the preschool opens. They also charge per year, not event. Most companies charge per event.

-S. Moore is getting one more quote for a metal and shingle roof.

-S. Moore stated that the defibrillator that was recommended to him to purchase costs \$1165. Property will be making this purchase to replace the outdated one in the Fellowship Hall.

-Technology:

-TV is up and working in the Council room.

-Something needs to be done with the wifi in the church. A. Kirk said her husband C. Kirk is willing to help with this.

-Zion Cemetery:

-S. Moore said they did meet and discussed the idea of a Memorial Wall with plaques.

-Ministry Campaign:

-Nothing to report

-Community Connections:

-Gathering donations for the Basket Raffle on 11/5 is underway.

-They will be attending the Music and Market Fest in Spring City on Saturday October 1st.

-They will be marching in the Spring City Halloween Parade.

-Call Committee:

-Nothing to report. Just another note that there are very few pastoral prospects.

-Stewardship:

-nothing to report

-Finance Committee/Reports:

-Committee met September 12th. They discussed the transition between Treasurer and Financial Secretary. Also they could use more members. B. Miller-Seeley as Financial Secretary is welcomed to join the Finance Committee in her new role.

-J. Florio needs budget inputs from Property, Worship and Music and Christian Ed by the end of September. If he does not hear back from the committee heads by the end of September he will assume no changes from last year.

-J. Florio spoke about the Financial reports. There were many expenses in August. Property taxes and floor waxing were paid in August. Electric cost was higher than budgeted in August due to increased electric prices. J. Florio will budget higher in 2023. Oil payment was higher in August due to late notification of price increase so two payments were made.

-The preschool did pay all Workers Comp in August however we did add to the deficit. We are still lower than the budgeted deficit for this time although a deficit is still not something we want to carry over.

-Number of member's contributing and the amount of contributions are lower than it has been the past couple of years. There are members who have not returned since covid and have stopped contributing.

-B. Miller-Seeley made a motion to approve the August financials. T. Mandik 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Open Discussion: nothing to discuss.

-B. Miller-Seeley made a motion to approve the August minutes. A. Mastrangelo 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

-Next meeting is 10/11 at 7:30. J. Florio has devotions.

-Pastor T. Mackie gave a closing prayer.

-B. Miller-Seeley made a motion to adjourn. M. Randolph 2nd the motion. Motion passed.