

## **Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Tuesday February 13, 2023 - 7:30 in person**

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

**Absent:**

**Call to Order:** S. Moore called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. B. Miller-Seeley gave devotions.

#### **Action/Discussion Items:**

- M. Shaw will be updating the MSP to make Zion more inviting to a potential Pastor. Once updated, M. Shaw will email a copy of the revised MSP to Council for review, hopefully by the end of this week.
- Per J. Florio, S. Fryman is booked with Zion until the end of February. There is a church close to her in Philadelphia where she will be leading services in March. S. Fryman did mention a colleague might be interested in leading services for Zion. She will let Erin know if he is available. We also need to call the list of Supply Pastor's for availability. We should question the Senate about a Bridge Pastor. Difference between Bridge and Supply Pastor is consistency. As of now we do not have a Pastor for Ash Wednesday. J. Florio will get together with Erin to reach out to Pastor T. Mackie to see if she would be available for Ash Wednesday. S. Fryman will research how we can give Communion at Zion without a Pastor and let Shawn know her findings.
- B. Tyson brought up burying the "Hallelujahs". This Sunday is the last Sunday to say Hallelujah. After that the word should not be said until Easter Sunday. We will do it again this year.
- T. Mandik has reached out to the Senate for help in getting a Pastor but they do not respond to his emails. There was another interested candidate however they did not like the location of Zion. T. Mandik will reach out to the Bishop's assistant.
- S. Moore asked T. Mandik to write up an update on the search for a Pastor once a month to be put into the Parish Post, even if nothing is happening, to keep the Congregation informed. He can delegate this to a member of the Call Committee if he wants.
- A very brief discussion was held on thoughts of sharing a Pastor with another church. The general consensus of Council is that it would be better than not having a Pastor.

- The Senate Assembly is being held Friday evening May 5th and all day Saturday May 6th. It will be put into the Parish Post that we are looking for one male and one female to volunteer to attend, per the rules of the Senate. S. Rogers will find out when the check needs to be submitted to the Senate for attendance.
- January meeting minutes need to be amended under the 2023 goals of the church and committees. "Parsonage" roof is a goal for Property should read "Newer Section of the Church's" roof is a goal for Property. T. Mandik made a motion to accept the January minutes with the amendment. B. Miller-Seeley 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

### **Reports:**

- Pastor's report:

-Nothing to report.

-Christian Ed/Youth:

-S. Rogers said the Sunday School Lenten Project will be collecting brand new toys to donate to Make a Wish Closet and Childrens Hospital of Philadelphia.

The majority of the brand new toys will be donated to Make a Wish Closet.

When a child is presented with their Wish, they are given a bag of toys at this time as well which are taken from the Closet.

-Please review the Christian Ed report for dates of events occurring in future months.

-Finance Committee/Monthly reports:

-Met Monday February 13th to go over the January financials. Zion had around \$18,000 in income for the month of January but expenses were higher than normal due to timing of when things were due. We ended January with around a \$9,000 deficit but technically funds will be moved around to cover the deficit.

Also, February will be a better month as we will not have to pay a Pastor any salary.

-Also at the meeting there was a recommendation on how to distribute the Non-Budget Benevolence fund, which has \$3,475 in it carried over for a couple of years. Five organizations were recommended, each to get \$695. These organizations are Deaf-Hearing Communication Centre (Phila. Tri-State area), Good Samaritan Services (Phoenixville), Meals on Wheels (local chapter), Project Outreach (Spring City), and St.Mary's Shelter (Phoenixville). T. Mandik made a motion to approve the distribution of the funds as noted. A. Kirk 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

-A. Kirk made a motion to accept the Financial Reports. B. Miller-Seeley 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

-Worship and Music:

-Per B. Tyson they did not meet.

-Zion School Board:

-S. Rogers reported the school's summer camp is already filled up.

-Social Ministry:

-Nothing to report.

-Property:

-S. Moore stated they did meet on January 24th.

-Discussed the possibility of getting a digital sign out front of the church.

-Discussed laminate flooring for the office.

-Thermostat in the entranceway to the church has been repaired.

-The hallway outside of the office is very loud. Discussed adding the same sound damping panels we have in the Fellowship Hall into the hallway outside the office.

-J. Florio asked about the drain in the driveway. S. Moore said Property did discuss this. D. Bauman will reach out to Salva.

-Technology:

-T. Mandik discussed getting another TV for Sunday School in the Muhlenberg Room.

-Zion Cemetery:

-They met and discussed getting a columbarium.

-Ministry Campaign:

-We have around \$139,000 in the Ministry Campaign. Goal is \$250,000. J. Florio stated that money is trickling in for this Campaign. Someone needs to keep the "Thermometer Sign" updated in the church hallway showing how much money we have.

-Community Connections:

-S. Rogers thanked everyone who came out to the 280th B-Day celebration.

-Working on various fundraisers. A. Kirk brought up the Terri Lynn Fundraiser, nuts, fruits, etc. Repperts fundraiser is a go for Easter candy. B. Tyson will get

the forms, let them know Zion is participating in the fundraiser and find out how much Zion gets to keep.

-California Tortilla fundraiser is looking to happen in May or June.

-Call Committee:

-Already discussed under Action/Discussion Items.

-Stewardship:

-Nothing to report.

**Open Discussion:** nothing to discuss.

-Next meeting is 3/14 at 7:30. S. Moore has devotions.

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

-S. Moore gave a closing prayer.