

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 9th, 2023 - 7:30 in person

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

Absent: B. Miller-Seeley, A. Mastrangelo

Call to Order: S. Moore called the meeting to order at 7:31pm. S. Rogers gave devotions.

Action/Discussion Items:

- Flooring removal in the office will take place the week after Memorial Day weekend. We are going with ACI for removal and Ches-Mont for replacement. Ches-Mont was \$2,000 cheaper than Leaf Flooring. Ches-Mont is requesting a deposit of one half the total price of \$5,750 to order supplies. The new carpet might be laid down the week after the removal of the tiles.
- Dean Christopher Frantz would like to meet with the council and the call committee. S. Moore will reach out to him to see if either 6/6 at 6:30 or 6/13 at 6:30 works for him.
- The School Board met on August 27th. At that meeting the 2023-2024 Budget was approved. Baked into the budget is a 5% increase for employees as well as a 5% increase in the Fairshare back to the church on a monthly basis. There was a decrease in the Extended Care line item of the budget based on the 2022 actuals. T. Mandik made a motion to accept the 2023-2024 School Budget. M. Randolph 2nd the motion. Motion passed. S. Rogers will let D. Platcheck know the budget passed.
- J. Florio made a motion to accept the March meeting minutes. B. Tyson 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Reports:

- Pastor's report:

-Nothing to report.

-Christian Ed/Youth:

-D. Platcheck will be sending an email to preschool parents tomorrow with Vacation Bible School information.

- On May 14th T. Mandik, B. Miller-Seeley, and M. Shaw will meet with the last 2 confirmation students at 10:30. June 4th Pastor T. Mackie will come back to Zion to confirm the students.
- Please review the Christian Ed Report for more details.

-Finance Committee/Monthly reports:

- April was a good month financially largely due to no Pastor expenses and the school reimbursing the church for insurance. This resulted in a reduction of around \$8,000 in the deficit. One concern is the trend of lower member contributions. April had 5 Sundays and Palm and Easter Sunday in it. Given this, we should have had a better month financially.
- Rise Against Hunger contributions were paid out in April along with a \$500 matching amount for a total of \$1,105.
- T. Mandik made a motion to accept the Financial Reports. B.Tyson 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

-Worship and Music:

- Should the communion wafer and grape juice packets be consecrated by S. Fryman before she leaves Zion? We should ask S. Fryman about her thoughts on this.
- The committee requests that the church council amend the constitution to allow more latitude in the date for the observance of Old Organ/Music Sunday. Council decided there was no need to amend the Constitution at this time. W&M can set the date for Old Organ/Music Sunday. Next time a revision of the Constitution takes place, the request will be put into the Constitution.
- May 21st the congregation will vote for Council, School Board and Cemetery members at the beginning of each service.
- E. Galumbus has a sign up sheet on the board as you walk into Zion for congregants to sign up to be ushers/greeters, readers, assisting ministers and communion assistants.
- Please review the W&M report for more details.

-Zion School Board:

- There was morning tea this week. Only 4 days next week and after that is graduation.
- The School is allowed to use the Sanctuary for practice for graduation

-Social Ministry:

- Nothing to report.

-Property:

- The quote received from Salvo to repair the asphalt and lower box drain was \$4,750. S. Moore will ask D. Bauman to get another quote. There was a brief discussion around whether there is a more modern/better way to repair the issue but it was decided that steel grating is still the strongest and best way to go.
- Received a quote from Salvo for seal coating in the amount of \$24,000. Sanatoga quote came in lower but the quality of their work is not as good.
- D. Bauman is working on fixing the drain at the back door from preschool.
- The sink in Classroom 1 is still dripping badly. Working on getting that fixed.

-Technology:

- Per T. Mandik nothing new to report.

-Zion Cemetery:

- Got approval from East Vincent Township to put a Columbarium at the top of the cemetery. Putting it in EVT so church does not have to deal with East Pikeland Township.

-Ministry Campaign:

- Nothing to report.

-Community Connections:

- M. Shaw signed Zion up today to have a booth at Community Days in Spring City on June 3rd. The raffle for the handmade quilt made by a congregant and donated to Zion to raffle off will start on that day. Anyone interested in representing Zion at the booth please come out. Hours are 12:00-5:00.

-Call Committee:

- Met with a candidate who currently lives in Michigan. He grew up in Pittsburgh, went to college in Jersey and fenced in KOP. His specialty is growing congregations. His wife is also an ordained minister. Community outreach is important to him. He has 2 young kids - one in elementary school and one in Pre-K/Kindergarten. Call Committee liked him. It was about an hour and a half meeting. Biggest concern for him was salary. Minor concern was why did Zion set up a Ministry Campaign. T. Mandik will reach out to Dean Christopher Franz to see where we go from here.

-Stewardship:

- Nothing to report.

Open Discussion: nothing to discuss.

-Next meeting is 6/13 at 7:30. B.Tyson has devotions.

-S. Rogers made a motion to adjourn. M. Randolph 2nd the motion. Motion passed.