

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday July 11, 2023 - 7:30 in person

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

Absent: T. Mandik

Call to Order: S. Moore called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. E. Weinstein gave devotions.

Action/Discussion Items:

- Property received two quotes for pavement repairs. Salvo gave a quote of \$4,750 for the drain box. Charlestown Paving gave a quote of \$5,975 for the drain box. The scope of the work proposed by Charlestown for this repair is larger and they are using more materials than Salvo. Charlestown noted that the concrete drain box is broken and should be fixed before they do the asphalt repairs. It was decided that the concrete repairs can be done in house. Council took an outing out to the drain box so we could better understand the scope of the work to be completed. B. Miller-Seeley made a motion to approve the Charlestown quote with the concrete repairs being done in house. A. Mastrangelo 2nd the motion. Motion passed. S. Moore will see if he can get Charlestown to do a smaller patch to bring the cost down.
- Salvo gave a quote of \$24,125 for sealcoating. Charlestown would not give a quote for sealcoating as they said the condition of the parking lot is beyond sealcoating. They did give an Option II on their quote to rip up and install new pavement for the back of the circle near the playground and the middle of the parking lot. At this time the most important fix is the box drain. This must be completed before the pre-school is back in session.
- S. Rogers went over the pre-school 2023-2024 calendar. A. Kirk made a motion to approve the calendar. M. Randolph 2nd the motion. Motion passed with the understanding that Council is approving the December dates as listed on the schedule on a trial basis. If deemed by Council that those dates do not work for future years, the Preschool Christmas festivities will have to be held on different dates. Furthermore, if outside vendors/organizations are going to be visiting the preschool, such as fire trucks, petting zoos, etc. Council must be informed to ensure Zion is properly insured.

- S. Rogers went over the 2023-2024 Sunday School/Youth calendar. M. Shaw made a motion to accept the calendar. B. Miller-Seeley 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
- A brief discussion was held on the new office desk. Several quotes are attached. S. Rogers will suggest to E. Galamba to look at a store in Lancaster before making a final decision.
- L. Horshaw distributed 3 quotes for the chimes. A brief discussion was held on the quotes. Council would like to wait until we have T. Mandik's input. L. Horshaw will share the quotes with T. Mandik. There is clarification needed on one of the quotes regarding if the amplifier is included or not.
- In regards to the joint venture with Centennial and St. Peter's - S. Moore will reach out to Centennial to get a copy of the survey they sent out to their parishioners and will forward it to the Executive Committee. Meanwhile, S. Moore will respond to Centennial's email to him.
- M. Shaw made a motion to accept the July meeting minutes. A. Kirk 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Reports:

- Pastor's report:

-Nothing to report.

-Christian Ed/Youth:

- Please see the report.

-Finance Committee/Monthly reports:

-Contributions from the congregation were lower than expected in June. June was the lowest month for contributions this year. Hopefully this is not a trend. Payroll expense was higher than normal because May had three payrolls which the church reimbursed the school for in June. The deficit increased by \$2,200 in June for a total deficit of \$6,200 for the year. This is concerning since we are not paying a full time pastor. Overall not bad however if we had a full time pastor our finances would not be good.

-Plate offering from the joint service went to the Benevolence fund.

-There were around 40 congregants at the July 2nd first service. No one showed up for the second service.

-B. Miller-Seeley made a motion to approve the Finance reports. M. Shaw 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

-Worship and Music:

-B. Tyson said they did not meet.

-Zion School Board:

- 2023-2024 Preschool calendar was already discussed.
- There are two new members on the School Board - Kathy Knaub and Andra Mastrangelo.
- The officers of the School Board are R. Ravis as President, A. Kirk as Vice President, K. Knaub as Secretary and A. Mastrangelo as Treasurer.
- Summer Camp is going very well.
- July 28th floor waxing will begin downstairs.

-Social Ministry:

- Nothing to report.

-Property:

- Floors in the office are done.
- The parsonage kitchen floor was replaced. It is a very small area.
- Preschool is asking for cork boards to be installed in classrooms.
- The benches in the Barbara Wilder Natural Wilderness area in the back of the church need repairs.

-Technology:

- Nothing to report.

-Zion Cemetery:

- Zion is moving forward with the columbarium. Aiming to have it installed in the Summer of 2024.

-Ministry Campaign:

- What is the status of the Ministry Fund? People are still giving to it.

-Community Connections:

- Work on the Basket Raffle will start soon. M. Shaw has already started to write letters to businesses for support. Zion is the beneficiary of the Basket Raffle proceeds. The 50/50 proceeds will go to an organization called Better Days Ahead, a homeless outreach organization located in Phoenixville.
- Still selling raffle tickets for the Quilt. September 10th is the drawing.

-Call Committee:

- Nothing to report.

-Stewardship:

-Nothing to report.

Open Discussion:

-S. Rogers has been taking classes given by the ELCA. She learned that 500 Pastor's retired since Covid. 150 churches do not have pastors. Only 80 people were ordained this past May. The classes strongly suggested that the congregations should be leading worship. Also, it is a good time for churches with no pastor to try something different/experiment with services, music, etc. The churches that are growing that have no Pastor are those churches that are reaching out to people from all walks of life.

-Next meeting is 9/12 at 7:30. J. Florio has devotions.

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

-S. Moore gave a closing prayer.