

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday September 12, 2023 - 7:30

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

Absent: none

Call to Order: S. Moore called the meeting to order at 7:50pm. J. Florio gave devotions.

Action/Discussion Items:

- Discussion was held regarding the three quotes L. Hoshaw received for replacing the chimes. The Verdin Company quoted around \$13,000 for a very elaborate system. Bells of America quoted around \$4,500. Chimes Master, the same company we used 20 years ago, quoted several different systems. High end being around \$8,000 and low end being around \$3,500. The low end model is basically the same system we are replacing but does not have a disk drive. Is similar to an MP3 player. The low end model will work with our existing speakers and amplifiers. T. Mandik made a motion to go with the \$3,500 Chime Master LX Carillion model. B. Tyson 2nd the motion. Motion passed. L. Hoshaw will let the representative know of our decision and will include J. Florio on the email.
- A brief discussion was held on the fugitive situation that occurred. It was discovered that East Pikeland Police and Kimberton Fire Department did not have the correct names and phone numbers of people to call in the event of an emergency. They do now. S. Rogers said that going forward the church office will contact East Pikeland Police and Kimberton Fire Department every September to ensure they have the most up to date contacts. Also, the A/C that was kicked in still works and was re-installed. The Police did offer to pay for a new one if the old one did not work anymore.
- There was a discussion on the lack of communication to the congregants regarding where Zion stands in getting a new Pastor. J. Florio and S. Moore will take turns reporting to the congregation where Zion stands in our search for a Pastor during the Sunday morning service following the Council meeting. T. Mandik will also give E. Galamba an update on the search to put in the Parish Post once a month. J. Florio stated that Pastor T. Mackie took a job elsewhere so we should take her off the list of pastors to call. Reverend Mike Poteet and Pastor Chris Peterson will be filling in until the end of January. Reverend M.

- Poteet is willing to do the Sunday morning service on Christmas Eve morning.
Pastor C. Peterson is willing to do the Christmas Eve night service.
- J. Florio made a motion to accept the September meeting minutes. B. Miller-Seeley 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Reports:

- Pastor's report:

- Nothing to report.

-Christian Ed/Youth:

-October 22nd is the Fall Festival. Kimberton Fire Company will be coming. S. Rogers is also going to see if she can get the band that played last year back for this years event.

-S. Rogers is still doing the ELCA classes. "Why are you a Lutheran?" is the theme.

- Please see the Christina Ed report for more happenings.

-Finance Committee/Monthly reports:

-Nothing out of the ordinary in July Financials.

-There were alot of expenses in August. Property Taxes around \$5,000. Floor in Parsonage and cleaning out the brush behind the parsonage. Annual A/C and boiler maintenance took place in August. Driveway drain maintenance and paving expenses \$5,975 paid out of the Capital Campaign fund. We added around \$6,000 to the deficit in August ending the month with a \$12,567 YTD deficit. In September we will be getting the kickback from the School and we still have no Pastor salary expense which will help Zion's financial state.

-T. Mandik made a motion to accept both July and August Financials. E. Weinstein 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

-Worship and Music:

-L. Hoshaw spoke on behalf of W&M. The Committee met between services on Sunday August 20th.

-As per the last council meeting, the council voted to not change service times until we get a permanent Pastor.

-Blessing of the Animals will be on Sunday 10/8. If we have a Pastor we will let the Pastor set the time in the afternoon. If we do not have a Pastor we will not have Blessing of the Animals in the afternoon. Congregants are invited to bring pictures or stuffed animals representing their animal to be blessed during the Sunday morning service.

- Went over the Fall through Epiphany calendar that L. Hoshaw created and checked the dates and events for accuracy.
- Old Organ Sunday is scheduled for 10/1. The guest artists are Doppelflote: Vincent Ryan and Melissa Frelich. It will be held at 3:00 due to Vincent Ryan being an organist for another Lutheran church. An organ building workshop geared for children will take place as part of the performance.
- Discussed Christmas Eve services. Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. Pastor M. Poteet will do one service on Christmas Eve morning. Suggesting time of 10:00 but will speak with Pastor M. Poteet to see what his thoughts are. We need to reach out to Pastor C. Peterson to see what she is willing to do for Christmas Eve evening services.

-Zion School Board:

- Updated the school director, D. Platcheck, contract and she signed it.
- D. Platcheck created/updated the school staff's contracts.
- School started September 5th.
- In the Directors survey completed by the staff, the staff wanted the School Board to be more present. School Board members are going to try to show more of a presence during events and staff meetings.
- Several staff resigned in August but D. Platcheck was able to fill those positions.
- Weekly Parish Post is now being emailed to students' parents.

-Social Ministry:

- Nothing to report.

-Property:

- The parsonage kitchen floor was replaced. It is a very small area. Also the parsonage back yard which was overgrown was cleaned up.
- D. Bauman is working on fixing the drain behind the side door.
- Office renovations are complete.
- Driveway and box drain have been repaired.
- Floor waxing is complete.
- D. Bauman had Jiffy come out and replace some missing shingles.
- Mighty Dog Roofing shingle roof replacement quote came in at \$15,000 cheaper than the two other quotes. MDR quote was \$58,500.
- Charleston Paving came back out to look at the driveway. Their price was \$85,000 higher than what they initially quoted us. Driveway is on hold for now as we need to move forward with the roof.

-Technology:

-Nothing to report.

-Zion Cemetery:

-Zion is moving forward with the columbarium. Next step is for the company to come out and get the exact measurements as to where we want it to be installed.

-Ministry Campaign:

-Nothing to report.

-Community Connections:

-Basket Raffle collections are underway. Also there is a flyer in the hallway upstairs for congregants to take and hand out to local businesses to get their support.

-Raffle drawing for the quilt has been pushed back to this Sunday September 17th.

-October 7th is the Spring City Music & Market Festival from 11:00am to 4:00pm. M. Shaw will be there and is looking for volunteers to help man the stand.

-Call Committee:

-T. Mandik reported that Dean Christopher Franz is having lunch with a potential candidate tomorrow. The candidate lives a little over 30 minutes from Zion and is possibly interested in the parsonage, which would be part of his compensation package if he decided he wanted to live there. The Dean will report back to T. Mandik after his meeting with the candidate.

-Stewardship:

-Nothing to report.

Open Discussion:

-Youth Group has activities scheduled for 9/24, 10/1 and 11/17. Dean Franz youth will join Zion youth on 10/1. They are also invited to join Zion on the evening of the youth sleepover 11/17 from 7:00-10:00.

-One of Zion's youths parents would like to organize a Texas Roadhouse fundraiser. People would show the coupon when dining at Texas Roadhouse and Zion's youth would get 20% of the bill back. This money would go towards transportation. S. Moore approved the fundraiser.

-J. Florio needs the 2024 budget from the committees by the end of September.

-E. Galamba provided a quote from Signarama to purchase signs to put in the

front circle of the church so parents will stop parking there. It was suggested that we try putting the orange cones back out blocking the entrance way to the circle and see how this works.

-Next meeting is 10/9 at 7:30. T. Mandik has devotions.

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

-S. Moore gave a closing prayer.