

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 14th, 2023 - 7:30

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

Absent: A. Kirk

Call to Order: S. Moore called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm. T. Mandik gave devotions.

Action/Discussion Items:

- A discussion was held regarding the Christmas Eve service. Pastor Kris Peterson has not responded to anyone that has reached out to her about the possibility of her leading the service. T. Mandik will reach out to the Pastor at Grace Assembly to see if they can help out. E. Galamba will be asked to create a survey for the congregation to see if anyone is interested in attending a traditional hymn sing on Christmas Eve in the event that we are not able to secure a pastor. There will be no communion and it will be led by the congregation, at either 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm or 10:00 pm. Reverend Mike Poteet will hold a service on the 4th Sunday in Advent (Christmas Eve) at 10:00 am with communion.
- S. Rogers will work with E. Galambo to correct the terms of the members of Council listed on the Council Meeting Agenda.
- The Congregational Budget Meeting will be held on Sunday November 26th after the first service in the Sanctuary. J. Florio asked that someone from the Call Committee be present at the meeting to field any questions from the congregation regarding the status of Zion's search for a new Pastor.
- The revised Preschool Constitution was handed out to all Council members at the October meeting to review and bring any questions/concerns with them to the November meeting. S. Rogers asked members of Council if there were any questions. None were asked. B. Miller-Seeley made a motion to approve the Constitution. M. Shaw 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
- S. Rogers stated that 3 families will be joining Zion on December 3rd as well as there being 1st Communion and a Baptism that day. S. Rogers will tell B. Tyson the names of the two children getting baptized. There is a possibility that a 4th family will join Zion on that day as well.

- J. Florio reviewed the 2024 proposed budget for Zion. The projected 2024 figures are based on 2023 actuals. A copy of the proposed budget will be put in B. Miller-Seeley's mailbox in the office. The COLA last year was 6%, this year it is 5%. The amount budgeted for contributions from the congregation was decreased in the proposed 2024 budget to \$112,000 from \$118,000 in 2023 since contributions have been trending lower throughout 2023. Online contributions had been pretty consistent, however this is trending lower as well for the 1st time. The fund transfer at the end of the year from various other funds that Zion holds is looking to be around \$70,000 for 2023. The amount for 2024 is around \$76,000 if everything in the projected 2024 budget holds true. We are in a better financial position this year than in past years due to not having Pastoral expenses. T. Mandik made a motion to approve the 2024 Proposed Budget to bring to the congregation on November 26th. B. Tyson 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Reports:

- Pastor's report:

-Nothing to report.

-Christian Ed/Youth:

-Please see the Christian Ed Report.

-Finance Committee/Monthly reports:

-The snowplowing advance of \$5,000 hit the October budget as well as the floor waxing payment of \$2,880.

-\$30,000 was contributed to the Capital Campaign in October to be used for the sole purpose of the roof. One donor donated \$25,000 and the preschool donated \$5,000. The expense of \$21,747 from the Capital Campaign was for the deposit on the roof leaving around \$35,800 in the Capital Campaign fund. The balance does not include the final payment for the chimes and does not include the raffle basket monies, however we still should have enough to pay for the balance of the roof from the Capital Campaign fund.

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

-Worship and Music:

-Per B. Tyson they did not meet.

-T. Mandik reported the chimes are installed and working.

-December 3rd the Christmas tree is going up.

-Zion School Board:

- S. Rogers had talked to D. Platchek about the preschool contributing to the cost of the roof. As previously noted, the preschool donated \$5,000 toward the cost of the roof.
- Grandparents Day will be held this week in the Fellowship Hall.
- School is closed next week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. This is perfect since the roof will be installed next week.

-Social Ministry:

- Please see the Social Ministry report.

-Property:

- Trees were cut down.
- Roof will be installed next week. S. Moore will let J. Florio know when he needs a check to pay for the balance due on the roof.
- Remaining A/C's have been removed from windows in the preschool.
- Someone will be coming out in December to clean up the septic tank.
- The smoke alarm company will be out in December.
- Circulator pump for the boiler is slowly falling apart. It is from 2001. D. Bauman is getting a quote from Steve Martin for a circulator pump assembly.
- Clean up day is this Saturday at 9:00 am.

-Technology:

- T. Mandik reported that the committee is no longer doing a live stream of services as it cost \$500/year and no one was using it. Services will be in person and on Facebook only.

-Zion Cemetery:

- Please review the Financial report provided by the committee.
- The committee is going to do research on how much they should charge per box for the columbarium.

-Ministry Campaign:

- Nothing to report.

-Community Connections:

- The Basket Raffle was a huge success. More information to follow at the next Council meeting.

-Call Committee:

-Zion does have a Pastoral candidate. He is flying in on Thursday for a visit. T. Mandik, M. Munz and A. Kirk will take him out to dinner Friday night. He may stop by the youth group sleepover. Zion is covering his expenses for the visit.

-Stewardship:

-Nothing to report.

-S. Rogers stated that Zion will be adopting 4 families for Christmas. E. Weinstein made a motion to accept the 4 families. M. Randolph 2nd the motion. Motion passed. J. Florio will cut a check for \$1,000 that will be used to purchase items for the 4 families.

-Next meeting is 12/12 at 7:30. A. Kirk has devotions.

-S. Rogers gave a closing prayer.

-Meeting was adjourned.