

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday December 12th, 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, A. Kirk

Absent: none

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

Action/Discussion Items:

- The DVOA (Disabled Veterans of America) would like to rent the Fellowship Hall on either Saturday 1/20 or 1/27. They have been renting the hall for years. We have had issues with them renting in the past, one being that the event lasts for very long hours into the evening. Zion usually charges \$200 for the first three hours and \$50/hour after that. It was suggested that we charge \$60/hour after the initial three hours as well as the event should end no later than 8:00pm. A. Kirk made a motion that Zion write up a contract for the DVOA event where they will be charged \$200 for the first 3 hours, \$60/hour after that and the event must end by 8:00pm. B. Miller-Seeley 2nd the motion. Motion passed. S. Rogers will let M.Hoinowski know about the event.
- The quote received from Scott Martin to repair the circulator pump was around \$6,555. This is a very high quote plus no breakdown was given in the quote. T. Mandik will give S. Moore some names of people the Post Office have used in the past for repairs to calculator pumps. M. Shaw might also be able to give a few names to S. Moore.
- The November 2023 minutes were reviewed. T. Mandik made a motion to approve the minutes. 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:

- Ended the month with an \$11,875 positive balance although November expenses were higher than normal. There were two school related payroll payments due back to the school and a \$5,000 tree removal expense.
- There was no school contribution showing on the November books because the school paid it twice in October.
- November and December Zion usually sees an increase in giving, but that is not the case this year. For November there was actually a decrease in giving from the congregation both in person and online.
- Note that in 2023 we did not have a full time Pastor and therefore the finances might be a bit skewed in comparison to a year that we did/will have a full time Pastor.
- At the 2024 Congregational Budget Meeting the 2024 budget was approved by the Congregation.
- B. Miller-Seeley made a motion to accept the Financial Reports. M. Randolph 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

-Worship and Music:

- Per B. Tyson they did not meet.
- Centennial, Zion and St. Peters will each hold one of the services: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. A random drawing will be held to determine which church will hold which service. Pastor Littleton is willing to be the supply pastor for the service Zion will hold if we do not have a pastor at the time.

-Zion School Board:

- Next week the Christmas Programs will be held on Wednesday and Thursday.
- S. Rogers has been visiting the preschool and doing the children programs.
- On November 30th the School Board attended the evening staff meeting. During that meeting there was a team building event of building Gingerbread Houses.
- Next Thursday at 1:00 the school closes for Christmas break and will reopen in the new year.
- The septic tank needed to be pumped out this week. Today all seemed to be ok.

-Social Ministry:

- Nothing to report.

-Property:

- End of December a company will come out to inspect the septic tank.

-There was a small fire in the kitchen in the microwave. There was a lot of smoke but no alarms went off. S. Moore will talk to D. Baumen about getting new alarms in the kitchen.

-New roof has been installed. The shade of the shingle that was initially chosen was unavailable so a slightly lighter shade was installed. We did have to pay for an additional 6 sheets of plywood costing around \$450.

-D. Baumen will put driveway markers out in case of snow events.

-Technology:

-Nothing to report.

-Zion Cemetery:

-Prices for the Columbarium are \$2500/box for non church members and \$2,000/box for church members. There will be a reopening fee to put additional ashes in a box.

-Ministry Campaign:

-Nothing to report.

-Community Connections:

-The Basket Raffle event raised \$8,915 which went to Property to help pay for the roof replacement. This figure does not include online sales.

-The 50/50 drawing at the Raffle Basket event raised \$247 which went to a nonprofit organization called Better Day Ahead that helps homeless people in Phoenixville.

-Looking into additional fundraiser events for 2024.

-Call Committee:

-The Pastoral candidate decided to pursue another church.

-Reverend Mike Poteet is taking January and February off. Not sure if he is available after that.

-Discussion was held on who is responsible to get a supply pastor. S. Moore and M. Shaw will assist E. Galambo in contacting potential supply pastors.

-Stewardship:

-Nothing to report.

-J. Florio attended the Christmas play and said he really enjoyed it. He thanked everyone who made it a success. He said there was a good mix of musical instruments

and soloists. Just a suggestion to boost attendance - perhaps hold the play as a church service or hold it at an earlier time on a Saturday.

-M. Shaw stated that a member is interested in holding a contemporary Saturday evening service which they would be willing to lead and organize. Also, they would want to use the Fellowship Hall for fellowship after the service. M. Shaw would inform T. Mandik which Saturday evenings so he could assist with the technology. Council approved this request.

-It was requested that S. Moore adjust the heat to be on Thursday's from 4:00-9:00 for choir.

-Next meeting is 1/9 at 7:30. B. Miller-Seeley has devotions.

-S. Moore gave a closing prayer.

-Meeting was adjourned.