

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 12th, 2024 - 7:30 pm

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

Absent: nobody

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

Action/Discussion Items:

- A brief discussion was held on Elysia Yoder's request to start a shared library bookshelf at Zion as her bronze project for Junior Girl Scouts. Elysia is 10 year old and a fourth grader at East Vincent Elementary School. She has been a Girl Scout since kindergarten and this year is a Junior Girl Scout. She has everything to make the sharing library and would just need a spot at the preschool or the church to put the sharing library for people to use. S. Rogers made a motion to approve Elysia Yoder's Junior Bronze project. T. Mandik 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
- T. Mandik made a motion to approve the February minutes. B. Miller-Seeley 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
- S. Rogers reported that Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will not be able to attend the ELCA Assembly meeting this year. They will keep their calendars open for the 2nd weekend in May 2025 so they can possibly attend that year. S. Rogers will reach out to another couple to see if they are available.

Reports:

- Pastor's report:

-Nothing to report.

-Christian Ed/Youth:

-The Sunday School Lenten project this year will be collecting non-perishable food items as well as monetary donations until Easter. The preschool is also invited to contribute to the Lenten project. The food collected will be divided between the Phoenixville and Spring City Food Pantries.

-They are collecting peanut free individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for March 30th at 11:00 am. The youth group has been busy filling plastic eggs with candy.

-L. Hoshaw and S. Rogers has started a youth choir which practices after Sunday school. They will sing on May 5th Youth Sunday.

-March 9th six people from Zion went to Advent Lutheran Church in West Chester for the "Rise Against Hunger" event. They helped to package 10,000 meals.

-February 26th and March 11th Bible lessons for all ages were well attended. They will actually continue after Easter keeping twice a month Bible lessons from 6:30-7:30 on Monday nights. The next Bible lesson is scheduled for March 25th.

-April 7th is the Mystery Dinner at 4:00 pm.

-April 9th confirmation students will attend the church council meeting before they get confirmed on May 19th.

-May 5th is Youth Sunday.

-May 19th is Pentecost Sunday, confirmation students will be confirmed and is also the last day of Sunday school.

-Vacation Bible School is June 17th-June 20th from 6:00-8:00 pm.

-S. Rogers was finally able to set a date, March 25th at 11:00am, to meet with Molly Oladunjoye, the Director of Children's, Youth and Family Ministry at St. John's, to see if the two youth groups can have some collaborative fun together.

-Finance Committee/Monthly reports:

-Normal month with typical expenses and contributions. Just enough contributions to support financials without a Pastoral expense.

-The final payment for the circulator pump was written out of the Capital Campaign account in the amount of \$3,278. A couple of the biofilters in the pump need to be replaced. This has not been done in 10 years. No date has been set yet but should be noted as an upcoming expense.

-B. Miller-Seeley made a motion to approve the Financials. B. Tyson 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

-Worship and Music:

-Did not meet. They feel they have everything in order for the Easter service.

-Zion School Board:

-The Executive Committee had a meeting with D. Platcheck.

Nothing out of the ordinary to report. Daddy Day was a big success. The budget process will be happening over the next couple of months.

-Social Ministry:

-On Saturday April 27th, Zion will again be one of the churches participating in a "Rise Against Hunger" event organized by Grace Lutheran Church in Royersford and held at Royersford Baptist Church. Details are given in the Parish Post and the bulletin with a signup sheet for volunteers on the table in the Narthex. We also, with the help of Council, hope to raise \$1,000 toward the cost of the 40,000 meals being packaged that day.

-Property:

-D. Bauman will be meeting with Suburban Electric regarding outside lighting on the playground due to the playground fence being recently vandalized. D.

Bauman painted the vandalized areas. S. Moore will look into smoothing out the rough areas on the fence created by the vandalism.

-The downspouts on the metal roof on the Sanctuary are large, however the openings are small. Leaves and small branches block them up. Will reach out to Jiffy to see what can be done about this.

-Floor waxing will take place in August.

-Colonial Gardens will do the circle again and mulch it as well.

-Boot Road Tree Service will come out to survey the property in regards to trees-which are bad, which are good, and which look like they will go bad in the near future. Last time someone came out to do this was six years ago.

-Tanks need to be updated.

-Technology:

-Nothing to report.

-Zion Cemetery:

-Working on getting a price list together of the boxes in the Columbarium to bring to Council. One box has already been sold.

-Community Connections:

-Next event is in June, Spring City Community Day.

-Call Committee:

-The Call Committee met with Deacon Taylor Walker. They recommended her to the Council and set up a zoom meeting for tonight. The Council met with her tonight over zoom. B. Miller-Seeley made a motion to recommend Deacon Taylor Walker to the congregation as a Pastoral candidate. B. Tyson 2nd the motion. Motion passed. J. Florio will put together an offer letter to Deacon Taylor and will forward it to Council for approval.

-April 9th at 7:30 is the next Council meeting. Confirmation kids will be joining the meeting. M. Randolph has devotions.

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

Addendum to minutes post March Council meeting:

-On Sunday March 24th J. Florio emailed a “contract” (compensation, benefits, etc.) to the members of Council for Pastoral Candidate Taylor Walker that the Executive Committee expects to present to her on Tuesday evening March 26th. Via email, M. Randolph made a motion to approve the contract. Via email, A. Kirk 2nd the motion. Via email, all were in favor. Motion passed unanimously on Monday March 25th.