



ZION Lutheran Church

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Council President

Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes February 16, 2016

Present: Pastor Ludford, Brian Kowalkowski, Betsy Henning, Melody Boyd, Nancy Schultz, Sharie Schultz, Doug Wegner, Mike Eidahl, Gary Trull

Absent: Coleen Ray, Bonnie Little, Steve Rhode, Bruce Schmidt

Meeting called to order: 6:34pm

Open Devotions: by Pastor Ludford

Introductions: Council members introduced themselves; new members attending were Betsy Henning, Gary Trull, and Mike Eidahl

Sound Off: Melody Boyd expressed concern about Zion completing its Emergency Safety plan for the church. Paperwork that needs to be submitted to the Emergency Planning Director for Shawano County has not been completed. It needs to get done.

Minutes: Minutes from January 16, 2016 approved and seconded.

Pastor's Report: We are well into Lent now. All services have been prepared. The big event will be the Maunday Thursday service with our guest speaker. Tom Laude is preparing the framed canvas for use that night. A \$250 Thrivent grant has been procured to help fund advertising.

We need to install Zion's Council. February 21 set as date to do this. Attend either service. Be prepared to have picture taken.

We (ELCA) has joint communion with Episcopalians. Pastor is doing some Lenten services for them this year.

Old Business:

1. Pictorial Directory: Yes, it is time for a new one. Life and Growth Committee will help; Mila W. has expressed interest to chair this project. Let's start getting proposals and plan it for fall of 2016.
2. Sanctuary Renovation—no report tonight, next meeting of this group scheduled in early March.
3. Annual Meeting recap—Meeting did go well, however many complaints when it came to the meal part. We need to rethink this and come up with better plan for next year.

New Business:

1. 2016 Council Devotions—a signup sheet was passed around
2. Membership changes—Stacy Kreuser and children transferred to St James, Barry and Katrina Bubolz and children transferred to Hope.
3. Revisit Visioning experience from 2014—yes, we need to review this Visioning Process and its results. Many have forgotten and we need to bring the ideas back out in front of the congregation.
4. Easter Radio advertising—we decided not to advertise the Easter services, but do want to advertise our event for Maunday Thursday. Betsy Henning moved to spend \$99 on this advertising. Pastor L. and Gary T. donated to this advertising so that we could spend \$200 for more effective coverage.

Financial Report:

Steve R. reported that expenses exceeded giving by \$7,644 in January. Totals showed that January 2016 giving was \$2,836 less than in 2015. Bills for January 2016 were within \$61 of 2015. We have a General Fund balance of (\$16,277). The Council approved payment of all bills submitted.

Committee Reports:

Church In Society—a printed report was distributed. Gary T. just getting to know what is happening. The committee has its next meeting March 7, 2016

Education—a printed report was handed out. First communion class coming after Easter.

Health Ministry—printed report. Committee working to promote Zion Walkers in upcoming Relay for Life

Life and Growth—no report

Property—no report

Stewardship---no report

Worship & Music—report handed out, Lenten services planned and starting out well.

Youth—printed report. 6 youth, 2 chaperones to JYG this coming weekend. Need to again get Child Protection class and background checks going.

Closing devotion: The Lord's Prayer

Meeting adjourned 8:19pm

Completed in God's service by,
Mike Eidahl, Vice-President