



ZION Lutheran Church

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REV. SCOTT LUDFORD
Senior Pastor

MIKE EIDAHL
Council President

Zion Lutheran Church Meeting Minutes March 20, 2018

Called to order at 6:01 pm.

Present: Mike Eidahl, Doug Wagner, Sharie Schultz, Betsy Henning, Rita Lemke, Al Wichmann, Nancy Schultz, Gordon Holten, Scott Glysch, Pastor Ludford

Absent: Colleen Ray, Tammy Huebner, Melody Boyd

Debra Ludford was asked to keep minutes.

Open Devotions:

Sound Off: Al asked for copy of devotion schedule, they were copied for all

Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting of 2/20/2018. Moved by Al, Nancy seconded. *Motion carried.*

LEARNING/EDUCATION SEGMENT - Pastor Scott.

A successful EPIC conference was held at Zion. There was good attendance and some very good breakout sessions. Those who attended from Zion were impressed. Zion received a letter from the synod office thanking our church and staff and with high compliments for our ladies who provided the food and drink needs.

Pastor Scott met with regional pastors this month. He learned he is at present the only experience ordained pastor in the area. It indicates the growing need for pastors if our ELCA is to remain strong. One of the speakers had asked the question: If your church closed its doors tomorrow, would anyone notice? We feel the answer is yes. Zion's ministry and facility is known and used enough in the community that people would notice. That speaks well of us. Pastor Ludford was asked to be the dean of the Shawano Conference.

Pastor is working with other pastors to promote a community-wide sponsored dinner for our law enforcement personnel. More to come on this.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

At the end of February we show a deficit of about \$3,000. Hoping to pick up into March with some good weeks happening, then for a good Easter. Gordon noted there were a few higher bills this month.

Accounts Payable/Expenses: Handout given by Gordon. Approval to pay bills moved by Scott and Sharie seconded. *Motion carried.*

Gordon also gave more information about the grant program setup to distribute the Kruse estate funds. An information page and application are now on Zion's website.

Finance Committee: the committee notes that giving is down a little from start of year. It will be monitored.

Al plans to visit all committee meetings to discuss spending and the procedures for spending. The committee plans to send out contribution statements midyear and end of 3rd quarter.

We also need to send out all remaining financial statements and envelopes that have been sitting on the info desk.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Nancy Schultz reported on meeting held by Dreams of Green Garden group. Members of Zion's council were present. It has been determined that the garden now will be the responsibility of Zion. The monies they have procured will be transferred to Zion. The committee will continue to run the garden and help it remain a good community project. It was noted that we should be covered by Zion's insurance policy. A trac phone will be purchased to give people a call number. The phone will be answered by Nancy or Russ Wise to give information and ask questions. Plots will still be \$10 each for the year. This pretty much covers water use and some supplies. We look forward to a new gardening season.
2. We chose not to advertise Zion's Easter services on the radio. That is same as last year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Two members have requested transfer to other churches, Dustin Kunschke to St Paul and Len and Nancy Prahll to Seymour. Moved by Nancy to approve and Betsy seconded. *Motion carried.*
- b. Set meeting for custodian job planning. We will meet on March 26 at 5:00 pm
We will discuss how to handle the retirement of John P.
- c. The subject of camp scholarships came up. Discussion generated about families requesting help to attend confirmation camp. With the cost of camp getting more expensive all the time, many may need help. The Women of the Zion provide dollars to each camper. Other sources are available. Our goal with confirmation camp is to keep the family portion to \$100. We should not deny anyone from attending. Some have asked to attend again and we will not discourage that. It is recommended that Youth and Education team up to make decisions on who gets money and from what fund.
- d. Endowment Committee members: Motion by Nancy S. to appoint Rob Little to Committee and that Al will be the Council rep to the committee. Doug seconded. *Motion carried.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Church in Society: minutes attached. Will be putting baskets up for bidding starting April 14-15

Education: has begun to take registration for VBS.

Health Ministry: minutes attached. Asking for donations for Relay for Life.

Life and Growth: met with Pastor. The committee would like to start a program called Samaritan's Purse. Shoeboxes filled by congregation members. Boxes sent to needy. More info coming next meeting.

Property: no report for this meeting

Worship and Music:

Youth: Car wash cards to become new fundraiser, cinnamon rolls being sold week of Palm Sunday, Chili dump at Farmer's market this summer. Gearing up for ELCA Youth Gathering at end of June.

Stewardship: April Training time coming up.

Approval of Committee Reports moved by Al and seconded by Sharie. *Motion carried.*

Meeting Adjourned: Moved by Sharie, seconded by Betsy. *Motion carried.* 7:24 pm