



ZION Lutheran Church

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Senior Pastor

MIKE EIDAHL
Council President

Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting July 21, 2020 – 6pm via ZOOM

Call to Order: President Mike Eidahl called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

Present: Mike Eidahl, Dawn Brock, Al Wichmann, Carey Grieves, Ginny Vraney, Russ Wise, Pastor Ludford, Gordon Holten, Jamie Naparlla, Tammy Huebner, Dan Krone

Absent: Scott Glysch, Bobbi Krozell (late attendee)

Devotions: Pastor Ludford

1) **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the June and additional council meetings were approved by Al and seconded by Gordon. *Motion passed.*

2) Financial Report

a. **Accounting Fund Balance** - Refer to Gordon's report. A less negative balance than previous months—continuing to make progress. Motion from Gordon, seconded by Al to accept. *Motion passed.*

b. **Accounts Payable** - Question from Dan about the recurring fee from the key card company. It was a one-time payment that we had deferred, so it kept repeating, as it wasn't paid. It has now been paid, so we won't see it again. Gordon made a motion to approve, seconded by Jamie. *Motion passed.*

3) **Finance Committee** – All were able to meet via Zoom, had Connor also as a guest and have put together a recommendation for Council.

4) Old Business

a. **Computers/Operating System** - Have continually put in phone calls to our contact with no response. Unsure if we should see about a different vendor. Will talk with Doug Wegner.

b. **Skylights** - Vendor has mentioned that they couldn't be installed due to the heat. However, we have also had some days that have been cooler and still haven't seen it being installed.

c. **Door security system** - Debbie and Pastor are still learning the system, working well overall.

d. **Sanctuary Recording Cameras, Monitor, Computer** - Had new equipment arrived as recent as yesterday. Still working to get everything installed. Likely will have online Sunday School and will be utilizing the equipment as well.

e. **Task Force Review and Discussion** - First 2 weeks at the park have been successful, people have been respectful and appreciative of our framework. Working on 20 at the first Saturday night, about 10 at the second service. About 150 each Sunday at the park, and didn't seem that packed. Dan

discussed having outdoor services until October to reduce exposure to COVID. Al will contact Keith Marquardt about if there are any issues to extend. Discussion about using our property outside as an alternative. Motion to continue our services as is currently, extending outdoor services on Sunday for all of September, pending approval from the County Park (Keith). Motion made by Dan, seconded by Ginny. *Motion passed.*

5) New Business

- a. **Connor Sleeper Proposal** - Finance Committee recommends that a matching grant to a maximum of \$600 per month for a maximum of 2 years. Allocating \$14,400 over a 2-year period, directly to WIWAM. When he last talked to Al, Connor had \$420/month raised. Connor will not be able to work during this 2-year program. Discussed asking for monthly updates, as well as intermittent ministry support during his program. Al made a motion that we utilize the Finance Committee's recommendation and allow them to utilize a Fund that is appropriate (Lois Kruse Fund potentially). Seconded by Dan. *Motion passed.*
- b. **Replacement of doors and windows** with quote from Dearco on hold.
- c. **Request of Membership Release** by Bernadine Wendt (moved to Manitowoc). Dawn made a motion to accept transfer with a saddened heart, seconded by Ginny. *Motion passed.*
- d. **Request from AA** to return meeting at Zion: Will deny the request currently, and revisit it in September.

Committee Reports

Refer to printed reports in packet. High level overview of a few of the committees.

- **Church and Society** - has not met since COVID began. Pastor reported that Safe Haven is not taking groups in to serve meals at this time, only from a restaurant.
- **Education** - met just prior and are exploring virtual Sunday School in 2-3 weeks. Discussed VBS, had already purchased the kit. Will get the rest of the kit materials and use it for next summer. Will wait for T-shirts and crafts for the following summer, getting things locally. Dan Krone has not recently held online Sunday School because of summer. Discussed having a show that families watch and then discuss afterwards.
- **Health Ministry** - Saturday, Aug 1 for Relay for Life virtually from 9-1130am at Zion locally. Our church group has previously made the most money to give to the Society. If it rains, it will be inside. Still keeping in contact with shut-ins and nursing homes in whatever way is possible. *Splash* letters are still being given out. Blood drive will probably be the mobile unit outside the church in September.
- **Property** – All parking lot handicapped signs have been replaced and are now at the same height. New touchless faucets are in.
- **Stewardship and Life and Growth** - Not present this evening.
- **Worship & Music** – nothing to report.
- **Youth** - Dan is thinking about outdoor movie nights but discussion that it requires licensing in order to do this, regardless if it is free or not. Would like to help with fall yard cleanup. Discussed an idea to limit each site to less families per site. The ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis may not happen next year.

Motion to accept all committee reports and close the meeting by Carey, Ginny seconded. *Motion passed.*

Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carey Grieves, *Council Secretary*