



ZION Lutheran Church

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REV. SCOTT LUDFORD
Senior Pastor

MIKE EIDAHL
Council President

Zion Lutheran Church Meeting Minutes July 18, 2017

Called to order at 6:01 pm.

Present: Betsy, Al, Shari, Tammy, Mike, Pastor Scott, Nancy, Coleen, Melody, Bonnie, Gordon, Doug

Absent: None

Open Devotions: Nancy Schultz

Sound Off: Chuck from Stewardship Committee met and it's about giving time. Usable of God's gift. Three different segments on working for church service, working for outside, but inside the church service (Sunday school, cooking meals), and working out in the community (SAFPARC). Talk about 5% increase in giving at church. Mail out to all families and what you would like to give to service and in monies. 12th of November to bring back mailing and put in commitment box and have sweet rolls or something after. Do a skip Sunday for confirmation. October 8th, 18th and 22nd. Motion to accept these dates on the calendar for Sunday worship. Mike accepted this and Nancy 2nd this motion.

Eagle Scout-Ben Smits from Eagle Scout Troop 32. Moving shed over to the garden area for tools and storage over the winter. Need funds to put shed on gravel and to repaint the shed. About \$500.00 to do this. Thrivent will chip in for this. Torborg's was going to give them shingles and tar paper that has been opened up. Talked about putting shelving inside. We will discuss more about this later.

Tom Laude from Renovation Committee is here tonight. Proposal handed out for new pews. The pews are not in good shape, and they are getting warped from being removed and moved around. They can have these done end of August and installed. Stained glass windows-We are saving a couple thousand dollars cause they can use existing frames around the windows. We had a \$25,000 contingency in this project in case there was an issue. We have 28 pews currently, so we would need 26 pews because of sound system that will be in the back corner. Total renovations \$251,759 and we would add \$13,406. There would only be three holders for hymnals instead of four. It would be \$25 per pew to put an extra holder in each pew. So it would be \$700 total for an extra holder for all the pews. Al thinks we should talk with congregation to let them know that we need to replace the pews. Mike said to let the Renovation Committee know about this issue. The means of communication is an issue with internet and a lot of people don't come to church in the summer so we talked about a letter going out (Mike will get letter out) on Friday to let the congregation know of this due to timeline issues. We can make a motion on doing this via email for council to agree on this. (13,406 + 700.00 for extra hymnal holders). Motion to replace old pews due to damage and inform congregation of this and notify Renovation Committee of this. Al approved this and Bonnie 2nd.

Minutes from Church Council Meeting of June 21, 2017: Nancy approved this and Shari 2nd.

Learning/Education Segment by Pastor Ludford: Task force from council and other committees to do a dreaming session (Rally Sunday) and how to celebrate the completion of the renovation. Put on August meeting agenda.

ELCA Rostered Ministers Gathering and Vacation-Required education for Pastor Ludford. Atlanta the first part of August. 4 days of continuing education. ½ day to go the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library.

Pastor Scott will not be at next Council meeting due to being on vacation. Rally Sunday and Celebration of the church we need to discuss and would like him here. We can do bills via email and move next Council meeting August 22nd.

Financial Report: Accounts payable handout given. \$36,833.00 third installment payment for Church Interiors for our project. Motion to pay bills: Melody approved, and Nancy 2nd.

Financial Statement-handout given. \$43,000 deficit. July is looking very good. Plus there is a 5th Sunday in July, this should carry us through the summer slump.

Finance and Audit Committee Reports: Should have gotten a letter from church on how much each member is giving.

We have some programs (Strong Bones and the Gardens) at our church that the insurance company doesn't like, and we will know more around August 22nd.

Gordon talked about getting a church credit card, and Debbie would rather use her own for purchasing things. Discussed about getting Pastor Scott one and it would be tax exempted and get points for the church. Will be discussed at Finance Committee.

Property Committee: Technology-Internet-Security. We are not up and running yet. Need a weekend yet to finish this up.

Personnel Committee: Had a good discussion about staff here and how to evaluate them this September and all the good things they are doing. A little different format this year on doing this.

Nominating Committee: Mike has two people thinking about doing this.

40th Year at the Park - Sunday, July 30th out at County Park. Get 25 dozen cookies to have out at the park. We could do a sugar cookie with 40 written on it. Maybe do a punch, coffee and small bottles of water. Nancy would like to do a banner 8 feet by 2 feet donated by her family. **“Zion Lutheran Church celebrates 40 years of Ministry at the Shawano County Park”.** Planting a tree out at County Park by shelter by the Men's Club before the July 30th.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Wolf River High School-letters are being sent out to get money to build Lutheran High School. We will not be donating any at this time.
2. Jenny and Bonnie are superintendents for Sunday school and is questioning keys to get into Church. There is no set policy about who can get keys to get into building. Al said we need to talk to the insurance people regarding this and the security issue. Property Committee to address this.
3. Health Ministry: Making room 102 a Caring Room. Right now it's a storage room. Cot, lift chair for people with dementia to be involved in church service with sound and TV.

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 pm

Completed in God's service by:
Coleen Ray, Council Secretary