



ZION Lutheran Church

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Senior Pastor

Council President

Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting December 21, 2021 – 6pm via Zoom

Call to Order: Vice-President Al Wichmann at 6:04 pm.

Present: Al Wichmann, Pastor Scott, Scott Glysch, Mike Eidahl, Ginny Vraney, Bobbi Krozell, Dan Krone, Nancy Schultz and Julie Effenberger. Gordon Holten also participated for a short time on the zoom meet.

Absent: Steve Laude

Devotions: Ginny

Sound Off: None

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Mike and seconded by Scott Glysch to approve the minutes as printed for the November 16, 2021 Council meeting. *Motion carried.*
2. **Pastors Report:** Pastor Scott mentioned we unfortunately had a death in our congregation this week but they are on track and in good shape for Christmas services this weekend. It will be a long week but they are getting the sanctuary decorated and preparations being made for Christmas Eve. He shared that part of Zion's ministry is helping those in need in our congregation. He took \$500 from the Good Neighbor account, along with groceries, to one of our elderly parishioners who was recently scammed out of a lot of money through 2 different methods. It is being investigated along with possible litigation.
3. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. **Accounting Fund Balance** – Mike pointed out that Zion is currently in good shape with the General Fund balance of \$7,043.26. A motion was made Mike and seconded by Scott Glysch to accept the Accounting Fund Balances report. *Motion carried.*
 - b. **Accounts Payable** – Mike reviewed the bills to be paid. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Bobbi to approve the bills for payment. *Motion carried.*
4. **Finance Committee:** Al noted that the Finance Committee looked at the upcoming budget and made recommendations that will be addressed in New Business coming up.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **2022 Budget:** Mike addressed the 2022 Budget, noting he's had some input from some of the committees but hasn't heard from all of them. Please contact Mike if any questions or if any numbers need to be changed as these are not the final figures.

- b. **Council Positions/Nominating Committee:** Al, along with Mike Eidahl, Scott Glysch, Bobbi Krozell and Renee Elertson met via zoom recently to discuss filling the council positions of: President, Vice President, Stewardship, Church in Society, Education, Life & Growth, and one position on each, Personnel Committee and Endowment Fund. They have produced a few names of potential council members but still need more people to fill the positions.
- c. **Set January 2022 Council Meeting Date:** Because Debbie in the office needs information from our January council meeting as soon as possible, Al asked to move it up one week to January 11th, 2022 at 6:00 pm via zoom.
- d. **Building/Liability/Workers Comp Insurance Update:** Al advised the council that he met via zoom with the insurance representative along with Dave and Kathy Littlejohn. They had a lot of questions they would like answered and have not yet received that information from the home office. Coverage was in force as of November 14th and any alterations to that can be prorated. It was noted that with the lightning storm last week, it destroyed our “magic box” that controls all the recording/computer equipment in the sanctuary. Chris Dalke was able to configure the smaller version of a “magic box” that Zion had purchased from Clint Whitehorse a few months ago just in time to record Saturday night’s service.
- e. **Other:** Al reminded all committees that they need their article for the annual report into Debbie in the office by the 11th of January, 2022.

6. New Business

- a. **Membership Transfer In:** A motion was made by Ginny and seconded by Bobbi to accept the Certificate of Transfer from Christus Lutheran Church in Greenville on Randy and Vicki Brull to Zion Lutheran Church. *Motion carried.*
- b. **Missionary Carol Sack Grant Request:** Gordon Holten joined the zoom meeting to discuss our missionaries to Japan, Rev. James and Carol Sack. The Sacks have held Psalms Retreats in Japan, which were made possible through the generous grant of Lois Kruse through Zion. They were able to hold 9 retreats in 2019 but only 4 out of the scheduled 10 were held in 2020 after the pandemic hit. Since the original grant proposal stipulated live retreats, Carol is asking if we can approve allotting a portion of the funds to be used for the purpose of a recorded version of the retreats due to not being able to gather in person. A motion was made by Bobbi and seconded by Ginny to approve allocating approximately \$2,611.81 of the original \$25,000 grant to be used for video recorded versions of the retreats. *Motion carried.*
- c. **Approve Purchase of 3-Stage Cub Cadet Snowblower:** Al advised the council that he was contacted that Zion’s snowblower quit working. The Finance Committee voted to recommend the purchase of a Cub Cadet 3x30” Trac snowblower for \$2,300.00, which included delivery. The money would be dispersed from Building Fund B, which has a balance of \$29,482.54. A motion was made by Scott Glysch and seconded by Mike to approve the purchase of the Cub Cadet Commercial Snowblower for \$2,300.00 from the Building Fund B. *Motion carried.*
- d. **Approve Purchase of Snow Sweeper:** Pastor Scott noted that a brush blower would be very helpful in cleaning up the sidewalks from snow that blows off the roof or small amounts of snow along with sand, salt, gravel and leaves. With the amount of people coming in and out of Zion on a daily basis, we are at risk of people getting hurt if the sidewalks are not maintained. Al stated that the Finance Committee also recommended that Zion purchase a snow sweeper. Bobbi made the motion which was seconded by Julie to purchase the Snow Sweeper for \$969.99, which would also be dispersed out of Building Fund B. *Motion carried.*

- e. **Other:** Mike shared with the council that earlier this year the council approved paying a stipend of \$2,000 to Chris Dalke for all his technological work at Zion. Since that time he has continued to labor at Zion with setting up the new computers, recording Zion's services every week and keeping the electronic equipment up and running. Mike thought we should again pay him a stipend that could be dispersed out of the Lois Kruse Spending Fund #15 as it qualifies as mission work for the recording of our services. Mike would write a grant request for that stipend. Ginny made the motion to again approve the payment of a \$2,000 stipend to Chris Dalke for his services rendered to Zion. Mike seconded the motion and the ***Motion carried.***

Committee Reports. Refer to printed reports available.

- **Church and Society**
- **Education**
- **Health Ministry** – Minutes attached. Ginny reminded everyone that there will be a blood drive April 4th, and they would like to hold it inside of Zion instead of in the Bloodmobile.
- **Life & Growth** –
- **Property**
- **Stewardship**
- **Worship & Music** – Minutes attached.
- **Youth**

The January 2022 calendar was also included in our council meeting papers for review. Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Scott

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Effenberger, Council Secretary