



ZION Lutheran Church

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REV. SCOTT LUDFORD
Senior Pastor

Council President

Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting March 16, 2021 – 6pm via ZOOM

Call to Order: Vice-President Al Wichmann at 6:02pm.

Present: Al Wichmann, Scott Glysch, Pastor Ludford, Mike Eidahl, Ginny Vraney, Steve Laude, Nancy Schultz, Dan Krone and Julie Effenberger

Absent: Bobbi Krozell

Devotions: Scott Glysch.

Sound Off: None

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- 1) **Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Mike and seconded by Ginny to approve the minutes as printed for the February 16, 2021 Council meeting. *Motion carried.*
- 2) **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. **Accounting Fund Balance** - Mike briefly reviewed the Accounting Fund Balances, noting expenses outweighed giving leaving the General Fund balance at \$3,096.13. He and Gordon Holten met with Edward Jones regarding #16 and #20 Investment Funds, looking at different options to make more interest on those funds.
 - b. **Accounts Payable** – Mike then reviewed the bills to be paid. Scott made the motion, seconded by Dan, to approve the bills for payment and to also recognize the Accounting Fund Balances report. *Motion carried.*
- 3) **Finance Committee** – See attached report. Al mentioned that Kerber & Rose did finally contact him about doing the audit, which may have to wait until tax season is finished as they are extremely busy.
- 4) **Old Business**
 - a. **Council Positions/Nominating Committee update:** Al stated that we still have the three positions open on the council at this time: President, Church in Society and Education.
 - b. **Updated Council Information:** Al asked all council members to please email him any updated information to be listed on the council info sheet and he will have Debbie update it for next month.
 - c. **Devotion Sign-up Sheet:** Julie is on for April, Ginny is on for May and Dan is on for June. He will email the sign-up sheet so the remaining months can be filled in.
 - d. **Furnace Replacement Update:** Steve has a meeting scheduled this Thursday with Zimdars Heating and Cooling to go over all the furnaces. Pastor noted the furnaces upstairs are working properly but the ones in the basement, which are 28-30 years old need replacement/fixing. Property Committee is going to get another opinion and then decide exactly what needs to be done and get the appropriate bids.

- e. **Face Masks:** Julie stated that she is at worship every Sunday and Wednesday nights and there is not a problem with face masks. Pastor Scott will be back Palm Sunday and he will monitor then.
- f. **Sunday School Reopening:** Al received an email from Jenny Hanson and they are reopening Sunday School on March 21 and they have everything prepared to reopen.

5) New Business

- a. **Sunday School Reopening:** An email had been sent earlier to all council members for their vote on re-opening Sunday School. A motion was made by Al and seconded by Julie that Sunday School at Zion Lutheran Church should open with in-person attendance and all details will be managed by Sunday School Superintendent and staff. *All voted yes, Motion carried.*
- b. **Approve Signatures for Associated Bank Account:** Mike stated with the new procedures at Associated Bank they needed the Annual Meeting Minutes showing the elected positions and also need the council minutes showing approval of names to sign checks. Motion was made by Mike and seconded by Scott Glysch to approve the Administrative Assistant (Debbie Bernard) and the elected Treasurer (Mike Eidahl) as the signatories for the Endowment Account at Associated Bank. *Motion carried.*
- c. **Delegates for Synod Assembly:** Pastor Scott is on the Planning Committee for the Synod Assembly coming up and they will be using our church for the worship portions of the meeting. The new Assistant to the Bishop will be installed during that assembly. Zion needs two delegates to participate via zoom for the Synod Assembly. Zion was chosen out of 150 churches to host this event.
- d. **Council Meeting In-person or Zoom:** It was decided to meet again in April via Zoom and will re-examine at next month's meeting.
- e. **Acknowledging Technology Individual:** Pastor Scott brought to the council's attention the need to acknowledge Chris Dalke for all his hours of service he has put in regarding our new technology/electronics for videotaping on-line services. It was agreed he needs to be compensated and so Al will pursue with both the Finance and Personnel Committees to get started on adding him to the payroll and will keep the council informed.

Committee Reports. Refer to printed reports available.

- **Church and Society**
 - **Education**
 - **Health Ministry** – Minutes attached. Health Ministry is reaching out to the shut-ins and home bound and if they need help scheduling or getting their vaccine they will help. They are offering CPR courses that are paid by the Health Ministry for any of Zions staff. They are keeping up to date on the AED pads, both pediatric and adult. Relay for Life is July 30th at the Shawano Fairgrounds.
 - **Life & Growth**
 - **Property** – Steve stated they are looking at organizing a spring clean-up day to clean up the front of the church and spread mulch.
 - **Stewardship**
 - **Worship & Music** – Minutes attached. Please note Easter Services and times.
 - **Youth** - Youth Committee did take 2 loads of aluminum cans in and have more to haul once a trailer is available.
- 6) **Other:** Zion Calendar: Next Council meeting is April 20th at 6:00pm.
Pastor noted the 6:00 am service on Easter Sunday was added to help space out parishioners.
Saturday night services will resume the week following Easter.

Pastor will look into ways of dispensing communion in the future to people who are not yet ready to come back to church.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm by Al.

Closing Devotion: Pastor Scott

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Effenberger, Council Secretary

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