

# **ZION Lutheran Church**

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REV. SCOTT LUDFORD Senior Pastor MIKE EIDAHL Council President

## Zion Lutheran Church Meeting Minutes February 19, 2019

Called to order at 6:01 pm by Mike Eidahl.

**Present:** Mike, Pastor Scott, Scott Glysch, Gordon Holten, Betsy Henning, Russell Wise, Ginny Vraney, Shari Schultz, Al Wichmann, Dawn Brock, Carey Grieves. Special guests Bob and Jackson Smits Absent: Rita Lemke, Tammy Huebner

**Open Devotions:** Mike Eidahl

**Sound Off:** Jackson Smits, Eagle Scout, will be making 3 raised garden beds for his Eagle Scout project and will be setting them up in an area of a parking lot that makes them fully accessible to someone to be able to garden.

**Welcome:** Mike welcomed the new council members and explained procedures. Cell phones were added to the council members' list.

**Minutes:** Minutes from Church Council Meeting of January 2019 are missing from Mike at this time, not nothing available at this time.

**Learning/Education Segment by Pastor Ludford:** Strongly encouraged everyone in council to attend the Epic event on March 9 which is being held right at Zion.

Provided a legal checklist for congregation's resource. Scott G and Pastor will be listening to a webinar on that topic. Pastor also shared a visual rendition of what the architect had originally intended for Zion and encouraged us to think about encouraging the openness and growth of the congregation.

## **Financial Report by Gordon:**

See attached handout of finances from January 2019. Started January with a positive balance which has happened the past 2 years. Current ending balance however is at a negative balance, which is typical for January. Ending balance is -\$7227.79. Accounts payable—we went through all the bills through 3/16/2019. Scott made a motion to approve the bills and Al as 2nd. Motion passed.

### **Finance Committee Reports:**

See meeting report.

We are down \$2000 for the first 2 weeks.

Discussion about Simply Giving. Question if the QR code is accurately working. Betsy will look into ensuring that it is still accurately working. Mike queried as to whether it should be further explained. Discussed using a paper form and doing a short talk about it to reduce barriers.

#### Old Business:

**Visioning and Staffing Update:** Scott and others met yesterday to preliminarily decide on what the future staffing might look like. Youth and visitation to people in homes are 2 identified needs.

**Crossways Camping Ministries Campaign:** Discussion on ways in which we can get more involved. Mike will make contact with Jake at Crossways and determine next steps to promote.

**Fund Name Change:** Want to have funds reflect more appropriate names. Betsy motioned to change the Sunday School fund name to the Education fund, which will better reflect its usage. Gordon as 2nd. Motion passed.

### New Business:

**Devotion sign-up** for the year distributed by Mike. Betsy will continue to send out reminders to people.

**Epic workshop.** Motion for the Lois Kruze Benevolence Fund grant to pay for any registrations. Motion by Al, second by Gordon. Motion carried. Whether people can attend all of them, strongly encourage attendance. Scott and Al will promote at Sunday services.

**Quarterly reports:** Al motioned that we send out the quarterly giving reports via e-mail (to those with addresses), as well as allow for pick-up at the desk. Those not picked up within several weeks will be shredded. Betsy seconded. Motion passed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Education:** In minutes, error of the next meeting date. It was February 4th, but was cancelled due to the weather.

**Health Ministry:** Swedbergs would like to hold grieving classes at church after checking with the Pastor and classroom availability. Ginny motioned, Al second. Motion passed.

**Property:** Refer to minutes. Discussed if it's appropriate/necessary to get multiple bids for services. Per the committee chair.

Youth: Spaghetti dinner turned out well and numbers increased from last year.

Motion to approve all of the committee reports by Al, second by Scott. Motion passed.

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Meeting Adjourned: 7:19 p. Adjourned motion by Betsy, seconded by Carey.