



# ZION Lutheran Church

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## Zion Lutheran Church Congregational Council Meeting July 16, 2019 -- 6:00pm

Called to order at 6:00 pm by Mike Eidahl.

**Present:** Mike, Gordon Holten, Sharie Schultz, Ginny Vraney, Russ Wise, Al Wichmann, Pastor Scott Dawn Brock, Betsy Henning, Tammy Huebner.

**Absent:** Scott Glysch

**Open Devotions:** Mike Eidahl

**Sound Off:** None.

**Approval of April Minutes:** Approval of Minutes of May Meeting (June Meeting Canceled) as amended.

- A. It was discussed about Debbie Bernard's leave from work being covered however long it may take to care for her husband. It was discussed at May meeting but never voted on. It was also discussed that Debbie wasn't going to need any special waiver since she had so much sick days accrued and comp days. Still yet, a motion was made by Betsy and seconded by Ginny that if needed we would pay Debbie's salary. **Motion passed.**

**Learning/Education Segment:** Pastor Ludford

- A. Pastor shared that he was voted to represent our conference/synod at the Church-Wide Assembly in Milwaukee, August 5-10. He would be taking a week of vacation following this event.  
B. He discussed our current cash flow deficit and church attendance.

**Financial Report:** Gordon

- A. Accounting Fund Balances/Accounts Payable  
Gordon reported that June General Fund held steady; revenues and expenses were about equal with balance ending a negative \$15,906. June invoices of \$18,631.42 were approved with addition of \$19.99 for Ps. Ludford's home phone for month of June. Motion to approve bills by Ginny, seconded by Sharie. **Motion passed.**

**Finance Committee Report:** Al Wichmann

**Old Business:**

- A. Visioning and Staffing update  
1. Committee has met and now waits to hear from Pastor as he will report on availability of future staff person.  
B. Building Security update  
1. Had some preliminary numbers.  
2. Talked about changing the doors and placing panic bars on them.  
3. Talked about panic-buttons to press if one was threatened.  
4. Talked about placing parking lot cameras on lamp poles when they are changed.

### C. Building and Grounds Update

1. Russ reported on what has been done to diagnose the problems. Luepke Roofers were consulted and the owner feels extremely confident that the problem lies in the valley and how it empties onto the flat roof. A bid was submitted for \$5,000 (?) and Al made a motion to accept the bid and proceed on the project using Building Fund B; Dawn seconded it. **Motion passed.**
2. Everyone was pleased on how the resurfacing of the driveway turned out.
3. Knope recently checked the air-conditioners and furnaces (filters were replaced on all units). Mike suggested that we plan for this annually.
4. Four dehumidifiers were purchased from Heins Appliance. Ginny reported that some in the Strong Bones groups wondered who empties the machines. The answer is anyone and everyone who finds it full! Al offered to bring in canister to collect the water and then volunteered to empty it.
5. Kallies Electric Inc. submitted a bid to replace, update, and solve when the lights turn on and shut off in the parking lot. A substantial savings on electric bill is anticipated. New lights are highly more efficient and one less light pole will be needed. The bid was for \$5,120 to which Al made a motion that we should proceed on the project using funds from Building Fund B and Sharie seconded it. **Motion passed.**
6. Pastor was asked to send Krueger Septic a thank you for donating their services during VBS.
7. Church lawnmower was taken in for servicing and Mike volunteered to check on its progress.

### New Business:

- A. Membership/Transfer Requests: Holly Zimmerman's membership was released to Trinity United Church of Christ in Shiocton. **Motion passed.**
- B. Stewardship was discussed. Between congregational giving, volunteerism, improved reporting to congregation were we stand together with our needs, and fall approaching we need to move forward on a stewardship plan.
- C. Rally Sunday was discussed and council felt that all committees should participation with booths; that it would be a great way to introduce members to needs and rally their participation.
- D. Gordon informed us of a need to have a separate fund for the Dreams of Green Community Garden. The motion was made by Sharie and seconded by Al that we would rename the Sanctuary Carpet fund to Community Garden. **Motion passed.**

### Committee Reports: *Reports attached.*

Betsy made a motion that they be accepted, Ginny seconded. **Motion passed.**

### Other Information:

- A. Zion August calendar

### Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Motion to adjourn by Betsy, seconded by Sharie. **Motion passed.**

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

*Pastor Scott Ludford*