



# ZION Lutheran Church

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Senior Pastor

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## Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting December 20, 2022 – 6pm at Zion

**Call to Order:** President Bob Hass at 5:58 pm.

**Present:** Bob Hass, Mike Eidahl, Ginny Vraney, Michael Sleeper, Keith Milner, Pastor Scott, Steven Laude, Judy Laude, and Julie Effenberger.

**Absent:** Nancy Schultz

**Devotions:** Keith Milner

**Sound Off:** Connor and Rachel Sleeper were visiting from Montana and gave the council an overview of what their ministry consists of. They both serve with YWAM (Youth With A Mission) of Montana by walking alongside young believers as they study the Bible and are transformed by the Word of Life. They then send equipped Bible teachers to target nations and communities, bringing this life to believers worldwide. They ask that Zion prayerfully consider partnering with them in some capacity to help sponsor their ministry.

1. **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Scott stated he is extremely pleased with how ministries are coming back to life at Zion. People are getting more active and coming back to worship in person. He praised the Sunday School Teachers who had to improvise at the last minute to continue with their Christmas Program, which was a huge success. He is excited for the Christmas services, noting he has baptisms on both Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Ginny and seconded by Steve to approve the minutes as printed for the November 15, 2022, Council Meeting. *Motion carried.*
3. **Treasurer's Report**
  - a. **Accounting Fund Balance** – Mike Eidahl pointed out that October was a good month of giving and November started good but expenses outweighed the income as it brought the General Fund to a -\$15,768.34. He did note that December is looking much better so far and hoping we can end the year with a positive balance.
  - b. **Accounts Payable** – Mike Eidahl then reviewed the bills to be paid. Bob noted that some of the specific expenses should be deducted from each appropriate fund, which in turn will help keep the General Fund from continually being depleted. During the discussion of bills to be paid it was noted that a \$500 expenditure was made without council approval. A motion was made by Michael Sleeper and seconded by Keith to approve the Accounting Fund Balance Report and to approve the bills listed for payment. *Motion carried.*
4. **Finance Committee:** Michael Sleeper, who serves on the Finance Committee, stated at their last meeting they reviewed the Fund Balances and updated the budgeting process. Also, they changed the payment from monthly to quarterly on our new insurance to Brotherhood Mutual.

## 5. Old Business

- a. **Schedule Future Security Training:** Bob noted this issue will still be pursued after the beginning of 2023.
- b. **2023 Budgeting** – The council was provided with updated budget worksheets from Mike Eidahl as they start to prepare for 2023. He has not received numbers for a few committees yet so these figures are not final. In order to get all the committee reports and budgets into the booklets for the annual meeting, Mike Eidahl asked to move the January council meeting up one week. Mike Eidahl made the motion, which was seconded by Steve, to move the January council meeting to January 10, 2023 at 6pm. *Motion carried.*
- c. **New Projector for Sanctuary** – Pastor advised that the new projector for the sanctuary will be installed this Thursday, just in time for Christmas Eve services.

## 6. New Business

- a. **Annual Meeting Date** – A motion was made by Michael Sleeper and seconded by Ginny to approve Zion's Annual Meeting to be held on January 29, 2023, immediately after the 10:30 service, approximately 11:30am. *Motion carried.*
- b. **Annual Committee Reports** – Debbie asked that all Annual Committee Reports be in the office by Monday, January 9, 2023 so they can be inserted into the Annual Report 2022, and to be ready for the annual meeting January 29, 2023.
- c. **Membership Transfer:** Megan Fischer has requested a Transfer of Membership from Zion to Zumbro Lutheran Church in Rochester, MN. A motion was made by Judy and seconded by Mike Eidahl to approve the Transfer of Membership for Megan Fischer. *Motion carried.*

**Committee Reports.** Refer to printed reports available.

- **Church and Society**
- **Education** – Judy noted the Sunday School Teachers are meeting on Wednesday, January 11.
- **Health Ministry** – Minutes attached.
- **Life & Growth**
- **Property** – Steve noted the roof leaks on the west entrance and the guy who did the work is no longer in business. Steve and his dad, Tom, made a repair which they hope fixes it and they will try and get the snow shoveled off of that area if we get the snowstorm they're predicting this week.
- **Stewardship**
- **Worship & Music** – Minutes attached
- **Youth**

Motion to accept all Committee Reports as presented was made by Michael Sleeper and seconded by Keith. *Motion carried.*

Zion's Calendar for January was reviewed and changes were made. Also, enclosed in our council packets was information from the board of Crossways Ministries regarding the Special Meeting they just held. Pastor Scott noted that we have positions to fill on the council and to seriously consider replacements before next month's meeting. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Eidahl and seconded by Michael Sleeper. *Motion carried.* Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

**Closing Prayer:** The Lord's Prayer by All

Respectfully submitted by:

*Julie Effenberger, Council Secretary*