

Zion Lutheran Church
“To Make Jesus Known to All in Our Words and Actions”
Council Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2020

Present: Mike Bottin, Matt Christianson, Susan Gengler, Linda Isebrand, Dan Lewis, Doug Midthun, Pastor Andrea Myers

Visitors: Mary Goodrich

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by President Matt Christianson.

1. **Devotions**
Matt Christianson opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.
2. **God Sightings**
Council members were invited to share their reflections about where they saw God at work during their lives.
3. **Approve Agenda**
The agenda was amended as follows: Under New Business a. Change Devotions/treat schedule to Lenten Supper Schedule; Add c. Thrivent Grant Process
President Matt Christianson declared the agenda approved with changes noted.
4. **Thank You Notes**
The following notes of thanks were shared by Matt: From Cindy Jacques and Crystal McCue (use of Zion to manage the Angel Tree gift distribution); from Good Earth Village (thank you for Zion’s gift of \$650), from Crossroads Campus Ministry (thank you for Zion’s gift of \$1,000) and Lutheran Social Service (thank you for the \$1,500 gift). These notices are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.
5. **Reports: Consent Agenda** Consent agendas reports were emailed prior to the meeting. Additions and corrections/other information are noted below:
 - a. **Secretary’s Report (Adam Jones)**
 - b. **Statistical Reports** Correct the spelling of Garrett Ankeny, who was baptized in September
 - c. **Pastor’s Report**
 - d. **Finance and Stewardship Ministry Team (Rod Isebrand, *Doug Midthun, Mike Thompson)**
Finance and Stewardship: The mortgage principal was reduced by \$41,420.86 in 2019. If the present trends continue, the mortgage could be paid off in seven years. The Line of Credit was reduced by \$4,494.50 from 1/1/19 through 1/15/20 with interest paid to date. The team is suggesting that Zion consider making quarterly payments to LSS, Good Earth Village, Crossroads Campus Ministry and GLLM. They will communicate with Joe about this.
 - e. **Social Ministry Team (Beth Dostal, *Linda Isebrand and Judy Meyer)** The report included in the Consent Agenda is from December and should be disregarded. Linda presented the January report at the meeting. Caring Coins for January, designated for Wellcome Manor Family Services, totaled \$187.06. Pastor Andrea is now including each month’s Caring Coins recipient in the Prayer Ministry email, as well as in the prayers during worship.
 - f. **Building and Grounds Ministry Team (*Mike Bottin, Tony Jacobs and Brett Strenge)** LED lights have been installed.
 - g. **Youth Ministry Team (Kris Anderson, Taylor Antony and *Susan Gengler)**
 - h. **Membership and Outreach Ministry Team (Lisa Barden, *Doug Winter, Kristee Richards)**
The team did not meet in December.
 - i. **Worship, Music and Adult Fellowship Ministry Team (Karen Granger, Mary Goodrich, *Mackenzie Jones)**
 - j. **Treasurer’s Report (Joe Atkinson)**

**Indicates Ministry Team Chair*

President Matt Christianson declared the consent agenda adopted.

6. **Other Reports**

7. **Old Business**

- a. **Update on Nomination Process** Matt shared that all ministry team positions have been filled; however, openings remain on the Nominating Committee.
- b. **Annual Meeting** Pastor Andrea has requested that teams send any photos to her that can be used in a slide show. She also asked that anyone speaking for a ministry team consider sharing a meaningful story about the team's experiences/ministry.

8. **New Business**

- a. **Lenten Suppers Schedule** It was agreed that using the same schedule as last year was appropriate. Pastor Andrea or Mary will contact the appropriate leader.
- b. **Camp Scholarships** Pastor Andrea and Susan Gengler shared that families will be asked to pay the \$125 deposit for each camper who is attending. Payments up to \$350 will be made. If there are additional needs, families should contact Pastor Andrea or the church office. Checks will be sent directly to the camp and disbursements will be made through the church office.
- c. **Thrivent Action Team Grants** Linda Isebrand shared that funds for any grant are available for 120 days; however, the card will be inactivated two weeks after the final report is sent. Final reports can be sent up to one year after the project, although Thrivent would appreciate them being submitted in a timelier fashion.

9. **Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:10 PM. Matt Christianson thanked the council for the opportunity to serve. Both he and Doug Midthun, whose term has ended, were thanked for their faithful service to Zion.

Next meeting is February 19th, at 7:30 PM. Linda Isebrand volunteered to bring treats and lead devotions.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Isebrand, for Adam Jones, Secretary