

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**“To Make Jesus Known to All in Our Words and Actions”**  
**Council Meeting Minutes – February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Present:** Joe Atkinson, Mike Bottin, Matt Christianson, Susan Gengler, Linda Isebrand, Adam Jones, Mackenzie Jones, Dan Lewis, Doug Midthun, Pr. Andrea Myers.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Matt Christianson.

1. **Devotions**
2. **“God Sightings”**  
Council members were invited to share their reflections about where they saw God at work during their lives.
3. **Approve Agenda**  
**An addition to: New Business: under “e.” Communion Chalices and under “f”. Synod Benevolence Balance**  
*Motion by Doug M. to approve agenda; Seconded by Linda I. Motion carried.*
4. **Thank You Notes**  
A thank you was read from Green Lake Bible Camp acknowledging our \$1,350 gift in 2018.
5. **Reports: Consent Agenda** – Council members received these reports via email. Reports will be attached to monthly minutes. Any additions or corrections to the reports will be noted.  
*President Matt C. declared the consent agenda “approved”*
  - a. **Secretary’s Report:** Minutes were updated.
  - b. **Statistical Reports:**
  - c. **Pastor’s Report:**
  - d. **Finance and Stewardship Ministry Team (Rod Isebrand, \*Doug Midthun, Open Position)**
  - e. **Social Ministry Team (Beth Dostal, \*Linda Isebrand and Judy Meyer)**
  - f. **Membership and Outreach Ministry Team (Lisa Barden, \*Doug Winter, Open Position)**
  - g. **Building and Grounds Ministry Team (\*Mike Bottin, Tony Jacobs and Brett Streng)**
  - h. **Youth Ministry Team (Kris Anderson, Taylor Antony and \*Susan Gengler)**  
*\*Indicates Ministry Team Chair*
6. **Other Reports**
  - a. **Treasurer’s Report (Joe Atkinson)** Joe A. gave a quick update on the transition process between himself and Melanie.
7. **Old Business**
  - a. **2019 Budget Correction:** The council discussed a possible error in the "Salary and Related Costs" line of the 2019 budget printed in the Annual Report. The budget that was printed in the Annual Meeting booklet was the correct amount.
8. **New Business**
  - a. **Welcome new Council Members:** Joe Atkinson and Mackenzie Jones were welcomed at the Council Meeting, along with other new Ministry Team members not at the meeting. Pastor Andrea went through the handouts, such as the Church Constitution, meeting dates, communication best practices, etc.
  - b. **Insurance Bids:** Mike Bottin went through an insurance provider estimate. The estimate showed specifications that are the same for each company. In comparison, the church can save \$900 in premiums if they switch back to Church Mutual, from Guide One for comparable insurance coverage.  
*Motion by Mike B. to approve the estimate from Church Mutual for insurance coverage; Seconded by Doug M. Motion carried.*

- c. **Phone Service Contract:** Pastor Andrea outlined what she and Mary have found out from Consolidated Communication regarding the phone and internet services. They need to figure out how many phone lines are needed, currently paying for 4, but maybe only 2 needed. Need to figure out if the elevator and alarm system each need a dedicated phone line. Also included is upgrading the internet speeds. Length of contract is also a question; can we save more with a longer term contract. Not ready to move forward with a new contract until this is clear.
- d. **Ministry Team Chair assignment:** Worship and Music: Mackenzie Jones; Youth Ministry: Susan Gengler; Building and Grounds: Mike Bottin; Finance and Stewardship: Doug Midthun; Social Ministry: Linda Isebrand; Membership and Outreach: Doug Winter
- e. **Communion Chalice:** A recommendation from Worship and Music to purchase new intinction chalices. The new chalices would be divided so they could hold both wine and juice. They would cost around \$75-80 each, and 3 would be needed. Memorial gift money will be used to purchase the chalices. A greater effort to have more communion throughout the year.  
*Motion by Doug M to purchase chalices through the memorial fund money; seconded by Mike B. Motion carried.*
- f. **Synod Benevolence Balance:** A recommendation from the Finance and Stewardship team to pay the balance due for the Stewardship for All Seasons program cost in the amount of \$216.54, which is based on increased total giving in 2018.  
*Motion by Doug M. to pay the balance due \$216.54 to Synod Benevolence from the Finance and Stewardship Budget; Seconded by Adam J. Motion carried.*

9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:08pm

Next meeting is March 20th, at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Jones, Secretary