

Zion Evangelical Congregational Meeting - January 22, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Dale Gruenewald at 11:20 a.m. with 60 members in attendance. Pastor Darrell Weber gave the opening prayer.

Church leaders for the 2023 - 2025 term were nominated and presented at the November Congregational meeting, but because there was not a quorum at that meeting, they could not be approved. The Church leaders for 2023 - 2025 term were presented for election again at this meeting. The following members nominated to serve on Church Council for this term are Darren Doerr, Betty Keller-Timmer, and Sherry Wynn. Debbie Doerr was nominated to serve on Board of Christian Education for this term. Annette Hund made motion to accept the nominees and it was seconded by Jeannine Kochmann. Motion carried.

The proposed budget for 2023 was reviewed at the November congregational meeting, but because there was not a quorum at that meeting, the budget could not be approved. The proposed budget was presented again at this meeting. Bill Saverling made motion to approve the budget. Motion was seconded by Roger Davis. Motion carried.

Minutes from the January 30, 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rich Hoffmeyer and seconded by Kathi Trent. Motion carried.

Audit Report: The audit committee of Jonathan Arnold, Ralph Bourn, Raymond Holt Reported the
books in order. President Dale Gruenewald thanked the committee for their time.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was presented and reviewed. Barb Scharf made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, motion was seconded by Linda Hopfinger. Motion carried.

In Loving Trust Window: In 2021, the council recommended that the interest from the In Loving Trust Window be used to purchase and additional AED Unit. Because the unit was unable to be attained (on back order for a year), the council recommendation was to cancel that order and return the interest back into the In Loving Trust Window Fund.

The 2022 interest is \$1671.94. The council is recommending using this money to replace the smoke detectors throughout the church facilities as needed and to put towards removal, sandblasting, repainting and reinstall action of the sanctuary radiators.

Dave Woelke made a motion to follow the council recommendations for the interest, seconded by Joyce Taastad. Motion carried.

Old Business:

New Business: It has been recommended that a new lawn mower be purchased to maintain the Church Park. There is \$15,000 in the Mower Fund. If the price would exceed \$15,000, the Z-Team will pay the balance. Dave Woelke made a motion to approve the purchase of the lawn mower. The motion was seconded by Ray Holt. Motion carried.

Discussion was held to lower the quorum for the congregational meetings from the current number of 40 members down to 30 members. A vote was taken to lower the quorum and it did not pass. Quorum will remain at 40.

The November congregational meeting will be moved up to the 2nd week of November to avoid it being held on the same day as other community activities that occur in November.

It was suggested that the Church look into hiring a music director. Bill Saverling made a motion that a committee be formed to look into this possibility. Tracy Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no other business, Rich Trent made a motion to adjourn with a second by Bill Saverling. Motion carried at 11:55 a.m.

Meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

President - Dale Gruenewald

Secretary - Charlotte Mehrtens