

**Zion Evangelical Church  
Annual Congregation Meeting  
January 21, 2024**

Council President Kurt Pellmann called the annual meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. with 50 members in attendance.

Pastor Darrell Weber gave an opening prayer.

**Review and Approval of Minutes from 2023**

A motion was made by Sherry Wynn, and seconded by Mike Germann, to approve the minutes from congregational meetings on January 22, and November 12, 2023. Motion carried.

**Audit Committee Report**

An audit committee, consisting of Rick and Tracy Holmes, Linda Hopfinger and Stacy Woehlke, met on July 11, 2023 for a mid-year audit, and another audit committee consisting of Mike Hund, Linda Hopfinger and Stacy Woehlke met on January 9, 2024 for a year-end audit. Both committees found the records to be satisfactory. A motion was made by Rick Holmes, and seconded by Barb Scharf to approve both audit reports. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

President Pellmann thanked retiring Council member Rich Hoffelmeyer for his work with investing Church funds. We now have two cemetery funds – one for the Freivogel Cemetery and one for the Baltz Cemetery. A motion was made by Rick Holmes, and seconded by Darrell Doerr, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

**In-Loving-Trust Window Fund**

Total In-Loving-Trust Window Fund interest consisted of 2021 interest that was not used and remained in the fund (\$2,149.06), 2022 interest was \$1,671.94, less \$84.95 that was used to purchase some additional smoke detectors, and 2023 interest of \$3,881.97, for a total of In-Loving-Trust Window Fund interest of \$7,618.01. Council recommends the purchase of a Timberline S17 Traction Drive Walk Behind Small Floor Scrubber for \$5,999. Mike Germann explained to the meeting that the Z-Team had tried to clean the floor in the Fellowship Hall, but ran into some problems. Mike had gotten prices on three machines, and he recommended the previously mentioned machine, which is made in the USA and is battery operated. Dave Woehlke made a motion to accept the Council's recommendation to purchase this machine, and Ray Hohlt seconded the motion. Kurt Tegtmeier spoke of other options – he has found another comparable machine, also USA made and battery operated, for \$3800. Discussion followed. Janice Seidlitz asked if the original motion could be amended to let Council decide. Dave Woehlke modified his motion to have Mike Germann check out the machine that Kurt Tegtmeier had found, and to give Council permission to spend up to \$6000 for a floor scrubbing machine; Ray Hohlt seconded the amended motion. Motion carried.

President Pellmann noted the reports that are included in the 2024 Annual Report. Pastor Darrell had mentioned some of them during his Sunday sermon. Among them were the 2023 Membership Statistics, which showed that we have a net total of 100 fewer members, seven due to deaths, seven due to transfers, and 86 removed. A question was asked as to how the removals were made – in some cases,

there was no current address, and some simply stated that they wanted to be removed. The Christian Education Report showed a decrease in Sunday School attendance, but an increase in Vacation Bible School attendance. Our mission giving continues to grow.

**Old Business.**

President Pellmann gave an update on the sale of one acre of the Church Park to Scharf Building Services, which had been approved at the November, 2023 Congregation Meeting. The Scharfs had to get approval from the Millstadt Zoning Board for the Park property to be divided; that approval was received on January 16. They will now wait for approval from the Millstadt Village Board, which will meet on January 22, 2024.

**New Business.**

None.

A motion was made by Dave Woehlke, and seconded by Barb Scharf, to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Weber.

Kurt Pellmann– President  
Vice-President – Annette Hund  
Barb Scharf – Assistant Treasurer  
Betty Ann Keller Timmer – Secretary