

Zion Church Council Meeting October 10, 2022

Meeting opened at 7 P.M. with opening prayer by Pastor Darrell, with the following present Dale Gruenewald, Barb Scharf, Kathi Trent, Earl Doerr, Mary Lou Peter, Charlotte Mehrtens, Rich Hoeffelmeyer, Amanda Frierdich, Gary Shondy, Pastor Darrell, Randy Eckert, and Bill Albert. Absent were Annette Hund and Kurt Pellmann.

Office Administrator Amanda Frierdich presented the treasurer's report. Earl Doerr reported that the shed at the church park had been sold for \$3000.00 and has been moved. Randy Eckert presented checks for Frivogel Cemetery and Z-team from the Jim and Mary Eckert estate. The church council would like to thank the family of Jim and Mary Eckert for the gifts of love to Zion Church. Motion made by Mary Lou Peter and seconded by Barb Scharf to accept the treasure's report motion carried.

BCE meeting will be held on Wednesday evening; Mark and Kelly are working with the youth group and looking for more youth to join them. They are planning to make a Christmas float for the lighted parade the Friday after Thanksgiving. The congregation is invited to help the youth with their float.

Minutes were approved as presented. They were sent by email to council meeting before meeting. Earl Doerr made motion to approve and seconded by Barb Scharf, motion carried.

Pastor Report, Sunday School Rally Day was held on Sunday September 11 with the 3rd grade class receiving their Bibles. Bible studies have been held at Garden Place along with worship and communion service at Garden Place. Our church was used for the funeral of Emily Grace Allen on September 17. Emily was a member of Concordia UCC and their church was not large enough for the service. Pastor Darrell performed the wedding of Ronnie and Abbie Bates on Saturday October 15th at the home of Don and Charlotte Mehrtens.

Pastor was on call for Memorial Hospital Chaplain. He has been busy visiting other churches interested in joining the EA Conference. Motion was made by Barb Scharf and seconded by Rich Hoffelmeyer, to accept Pastor's report motion carried.

Renewing Zion Church, council will be looking at the membership list, and how to get members to come back to services and children to Sunday School. We appreciate feedback from our members.

Rich Hoffelmeyer went over the Audit and Budget and reported that the budget committee of Andrew Taake, Dan Haas, Les Mehrtens, Dale Gruenewald, Rich Hoffelmeyer had met and gone over the budget for the incoming year of 2023. The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday November 20th after church.

Long Range Ministry, Charlotte Mehrtens reported Wurstmarkt will be held on November 12th with Drive through from 3 -6 P.M. Prepaid Orders must be into the church office by November 7th. Help is needed for this event.

Property, Earl Doerr reported that are two trees at the park that need to be removed and he talked to Wilde Columbia Tree Service to have them removed. Money will be taken from the future park money to pay for them. Rich Hoffelmeyer made a motion to accept the bid and Barb Scharf seconded the motion, motion carried.

The bridge at the park will need to be replaced due to the beams rotting underneath. The bridge was a gift by the family of Lee Vogel in memory of Lee, the beams are guaranteed not to rot and will be replaced by the company that made them.

Jim and Mary Eckert estate request that some of the money that was given to Frivogel Cemetery fund be used to put a black rod iron fence around the cemetery and on the south end a row of white pine trees be planted. It will need to be surveyed before the fence can be put up.

The new AED is still on back order. Kurt told Earl that the batteries in the present one are good until 2025.

Earl Doerr motioned and Rich Hoffelmeyer seconded to adjourn the meeting and closing with the Lord's Prayer at 8.55 P.M. motion carried.

President – Dale Gruenewald

Vice President – Kathi Trent

Secretary – Charlotte Mehrtens