

Council Meeting February 13, 2023

ATTENDANCE: Council members present were President Kurt Pellmann, Sherry Wynn, Barb Scharf, Rich Hoffelmeyer, Mary Lou Peter, Annette Hund, Betty Ann Keller Timmer, Darren Doerr, Pastor Darrell Weber and Office Administrator Amanda Frierdich. Kurt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Darrell gave an opening prayer.

Because Council Secretary Charlotte Mehrstens was not in attendance, Betty volunteered to take the minutes for the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Amanda distributed copies of the Treasurer's report. Rich noted that payments for a lavalier microphone and a payment for the shed were taken from the General Fund checking account, but were to be paid from the Money Market Account. Barb Scharf made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Annette Hund seconded; motion carried.

BCE Report: Pastor Darrell gave the report. The Board met on February 9. They worked on a Valentines' Party for the Sunday School on February 12, which went very well. The BCE will be working on having "All Church Family" events – they are working on an upcoming family bowling event. They are also discussing having a camping night at the church park during the summer. They are trying to get families more connected to Church.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The January 9, 2023 minutes and the minutes from the special meeting on January 22, 2023 were reviewed by Council. A motion was made by Annette Hund and seconded by Barb Scharf to approve the January 9, 2023 minutes; motion carried. A motion was made by Barb Scharf and seconded by Rich Hoffelmeyer to approve the January 22, 2023 minutes; motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Darrell had sent his Pastor's Report of his activities for the previous month. Pastor Darrell has been planning for February, Confirmation, the Lenten season, Holy Week and Easter. He and Bill Saverig will be giving the Lenten Series of messages on the Lord's Prayer. Council will be preparing/serving the meal on Ash Wednesday (February 22), the Z-Team will prepare/serve on March 1, and Sisters-in-Faith will prepare/serve on March 8. Pastor is still looking for other groups to prepare/serve a meal – some of the meals will be Pot Bless. He has been working on finalizing the Community Cross Walk on Good Friday, April 7. Easter plans are the same as in the past: 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service with Communion, 8:00 a.m. Breakfast, 9:00 am Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 a.m. Easter Service with Confirmand First Communion. Also during February, Pastor worked on the Women's Sunday, which included several women participating in the service. A motion was made by Barb Scharf, and seconded by Mary Lou Peter, to accept Pastor Darrell's report; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit & Budget. (Betty Keller Timmer). No report at this time.

Long Range Ministry. No report at this time.

Missions & Outreach. (Mary Lou Peter). The Missions Committee met on February 7. The Committee has changed the May Mission to "Feed My Starving Children". Currently Sunday School supports two children from Compassion International, one from Guatemala and one from the Dominican Republic. For the April Mission, the congregation will also support these children.

Staff/Parish Relations. (Darren Doerr). No report at this time.

Property & Long Range. (Rich Hoffelmeyer). The doors for the new shed at the Church Park have been delivered, and should be installed on February 14. The Z-Team will then start the work of removing the old bridge at the Park.

Volunteer Ministries. (Sherry Wynn). No report at this time.

Worship & Music. (Annette Hund). Kurt reported that we had some issues with the sound system during the January 29 service. Mark and Kelly Riemann have done some research on ways to connect with the existing sound board to avoid such problems. Annette will do some additional research before the March Council meeting.

Cemetery Board. (Kurt Pellmann). Kurt will research the agreement between Zion and the Baltz Cemetery and check what we need to be doing there.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bell Tower Lights The flood lights that shine on the clock in the bell tower are not working. Glaenzer Electric checked on them – they are unfixable. Glaenzer will be getting prices to replace the lights with energy efficient lights.

Elevator Inspection. We received a report from ATIS Elevator Inspections that the elevator had passed its inspection.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lenten Meal. Council will be serving a spaghetti dinner on Ash Wednesday. Annette volunteered to make the sauce; Kurt and Sherry will bring salads, Darren will bring the garlic bread, and Barb, Mary Lou and Betty will bring desserts.

Music Director Position. Barb will head a committee to work on a job description for this position. Kurt will be looking for three volunteers to help her.

Trivia Night. Council discussed the upcoming trivia night/silent auction, set for March 11. Council decided to have a meeting with Kelly Riemann, Dave and Stacy Woehlke after Church on February 19 to discuss what needs to be done, and who may be able to do it.

Cake Stand for Firemen's Picnic. Sherry asked for permission to head-up a cake raffle stand at the Millstadt Firemen's Picnic, on June 9 and 10. Permission granted.

Jacob Doerr's Confirmation Project. Darren explained his son, Jacob's, project, a "little library" of Christian books. The Doerrs have the library built, but need a location to place it outside the Church. Darren will check with the Z-Team for their opinion on where to locate the library.

Meeting Adjourned: There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Barb Scharf, and seconded by Rich Hoffelmeyer to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Motion carried. Everyone joined hands to close with the Lord's Prayer.

Kurt Pellmann - President
Barb Scharf - Vice President
Betty Keller Timmer - Secretary Pro-Tem