

**Zion Evangelical Church
Council Minutes
July 10, 2023**

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: With Office Administrator/Treasurer Amanda Frierdich absent, Rich presented the Treasurer's Report. He noted that connectors for the Sound System (\$32.94) had been charged to the Sound System Fund, but he recommended that it would be charged to the M. Fischer Fund. Also, a bill for \$179.46 was for the new Park Building, and was paid from the checking account; it should have been paid from the Money Market Account. A motion was made by Annette Hund, and seconded by Sherry Wynn to accept the Treasurer's Report with the above noted transfers; motion carried. Two certificates of deposit in the In Loving Trust Window Fund matured in June, and two more are maturing in July, for a total of \$41,000. A motion was made by Betty Keller Timmer, and seconded by Mary Lou Peter to combine the CDs and reinvest with Edward Jones; motion carried.

BCE Report: No Board of Christian Education meeting during the month of June.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The June 12, 2023 minutes were reviewed by Council. A motion was made by Richard Hoffelmeyer, and seconded by Annette Hund to accept the minutes; motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Darrell had sent his Pastor's Report of his activities for the previous month. During June, Vacation Bible School was the major event. Sixty-two children attended this year, up from 37 in 2022, and 54 in 2021. Of the 62, eight were from Zion. We also had 18 youth helpers, with six from Zion, 18 adult leaders, with 17 from Zion, with Amanda Frierdich being the other adult. Pastor made four of five Bible Studies at Garden Place during June, and also led the Worship/Communion service at Garden Place on June 20. A motion was made by Annette Hund, and seconded by Sherry Wynn, to accept Pastor Darrell's report; motion carried.

RENEWING ZION CHURCH: We will be working on this in the Fall. On July 9, we had 62 people attend the Worship in the Park service, and 28 stayed for the ice cream social. Council discussed possible ways to encourage more people to stay for the ice cream. Suggestions included having tables by the shed so that no one has to walk down the hill to the pavilion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit & Budget. (Betty Keller Timmer). Mid-year audit will take place on July 11. Volunteers are Rick and Tracy Holmes, Linda Hopfinger and Stacy Woehlke.

Long Range Ministry. No report at this time.

Missions & Outreach. (Mary Lou Peter). Mary Lou reported that we had not had any requests for the Deacons' Fund since January. Pastor Darrell suggested having a Missions Committee meeting in August.

Staff/Parish Relations. (Darren Doerr). David Maeder has submitted his resignation for his position of Church Custodian. He will continue working through the summer, or until we find a replacement. We will start looking for a new custodian by placing ads in the *Republic-Times*, *Belleville News-Democrat*, and on Indeed.com and Facebook.

Property & Long Range. (Rich Hoffelmeyer). The cemetery fence is now complete. The Park water bill was much higher than usual with the Z-Team watering the recently sown grass at the Park. \$200 of the bill will be charged towards the new shed. The water fountain in the hallway from the back entrance to Riess Hall started leaking. Discussion was held concerning options for a replacement. The Z-Team is also going to discuss options before a final decision is made.

Volunteer Ministries. (Sherry Wynn). Sherry has found one candidate, so far, to serve on Council starting in January.

Worship & Music. (Annette Hund). No Report at this time.

Cemetery Board. (Kurt Pellmann). No report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Music Director Update: Patti French and Kelly Riemann have stated that they wanted to wait until after the Community Choir's Patriotic Concert to begin the search for a music director.

Scharf Building Services Interest in Land Purchase. Scharfs submitted an appraisal on the one acre of the Church Park that they would like to purchase. We will contact an appraiser, also, to get a second appraisal, before setting a date for a congregational meeting on the possibility of the sale. A motion was made by Mary Lou Peter, and seconded by Annette Hund, to get a second appraisal on the sale of one acre from the Park to Scharf Building Services. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordination of Evangelical Association Licensed Pastor Bill Saverig. Pastor Darrell recommended that we ordain Bill Saverig, who is a licensed pastor with the Evangelical Association, and a member of Zion Evangelical Church who has lead our services when Pastor Darrell is unavailable, as well as sharing the Lenten services with Pastor Darrell. The procedure begins with calling a meeting of Evangelical Association pastors, who will test Bill on his Biblical knowledge. Once they make a decision, we would set an ordination service.

Meeting Adjourned: There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Richard Hoffelmeyer, and seconded by Sherry Wynn to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried. Everyone joined hands to close with the Lord's Prayer.

Barbara Scharf – Vice-president

Betty Ann Keller Timmer – Secretary Pro-tem