

**Zion Evangelical Church  
Council Minutes  
December 11, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE:** Council members present were President Kurt Pellmann, Sherry Wynn, Barb Scharf, Rich Hoffelmeyer, Annette Hund, Betty Ann Keller Timmer, Darren Doerr, Pastor Darrell Weber, Office Administrator Amanda Frierdich, and incoming Council member Andrew Taake. Kurt 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:** Amanda distributed copies of the Treasurer's report. After a discussion on what account should have been charged for the new tower lights, Rich suggested adding a new expense account for bills that are to be paid from the Jim & Mary Eckert Fund. The two new vacuum cleaners will be charged to this account. Rich also asked a question concerning "loose offerings" – these are included with the "Mission of the Month", and Pastor will begin including this information in the weekly bulletin. Barb Scharf made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Sherry Wynn seconded; motion carried.

**BCE Report:** Pastor Darrell reported that Kelly Riemann and Stacy Woehlke have been working with the Sunday School families on a video Christmas program that will be shown during worship on December 17. The Sunday School Christmas party at Pastor Darrell and Marjie's home on December 10 had eleven attendees, who went Christmas caroling through the Alpine Trails subdivision, and then back to the Weber's for refreshments and games.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The November 13, 2023 minutes were reviewed by Council. A correction to the number of dinners for the Wurstmart was noted – should have been 111 dine-in, and 131 carry-outs for a total of 242 dinners sold. Also, Bill Savering had attended the last Council meeting as a guest. A motion was made by Rich Hoffelmeyer and seconded by Barb Scharf to approve the minutes; motion carried.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Darrell had sent his Pastor's Report of his activities for the previous month to Council members. Pastor Darrell delivered 97 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to St. Matthew's Methodist Church last month. He has been working with the Evangelical Association for the ordination of Bill Savering. Bill has submitted all of his paperwork for his ordination. The Ecclesiastical Council, consisting of nine pastors, plus several Zion Council members, will be at Zion on December 13 to conduct his examination. Upon approval of the Ecclesiastical Council, the tentative date for Bill's ordination has been set for January 21, 2024. Pastor Darrell listed a schedule of Christmas season events at Zion, and also named five families with children who will light the Advent candles. He led four Bible Studies at Garden Place in November, and also held a worship/communion service there on November 14. Pastor and Marjie will be on vacation from February 4-11; he has arranged for two Evangelical Association pastors to cover Zion in his absence. A motion was made by Barb Scharf, and seconded by Annette Hund, to accept Pastor Darrell's report; motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Audit & Budget. (Betty Keller Timmer).** Tentative date for the annual audit/review is January 18. Betty will be contacting Zion members to conduct the audit/review after Christmas.

**Long Range Ministry.** No report at this time.

**Missions & Outreach. (Mary Lou Peter).** Amanda had distributed a year-to-date missions report, which showed over \$14,056.72 in missions donations through November.

**Staff/Parish Relations. (Darren Doerr).** Darren reported that the custodian who had been hired has since declined the position. We will put an item in the monthly *Visitor* to see if anyone in the congregation knows

someone who would be interested in the job.

**Property & Long Range. (Rich Hoffelmeyer).** Rich reported that Les Mehrstens is working to get the annual elevator inspection scheduled.

**Volunteer Ministries. (Sherry Wynn).** Sherry thanked Andrew for accepting a seat on Council, and also thanked the retiring Council members for their service.

**Worship & Music. (Annette Hund).** Annette is continuing to work to get members to participate in the pre-Christmas Eve service.

**Cemetery Board. (Kurt Pellmann).** Rich presented policy proposals stating the sources and uses for the General Fund, Money Market Fund, In Loving Trust Fund, as well as the Freivogel Cemetery Fund and Baltz Cemetery Fund. A motion was made by Barb Scharf, and seconded by Sherry Wynn, to accept the proposals as presented. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Property Sale.** Kurt and Charlotte have signed the Sales Agreement between Zion and SBS for the one-acre of park land that was approved at the November Church meeting. Kurt will contact AJ Scharf for his signature, and then AJ will take the agreement to the Columbia Title Company, along with the \$500 earnest money, to get the closing scheduled. Rich suggested that Council advise Amanda where the sale proceeds should be deposited – Barb suggested “Future Park Fund Projects”, which currently has a zero balance.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Floor Cleaning Machine.** Several Z Team members had been working to clean the Fellowship Hall floor, without much success. Mike Germann has been checking into getting a machine designed specifically for this type of floor. Payment for this machine could come from the General Fund, and also partly funded from some Zion organizations.

**Trivia Night.** Betty suggested getting flyers ready for the March 9, 2024 Trivia Night so that we can start promoting the event.

**Rich’s Comments.** Rich reminded Council members that they will need to make a suggestion for the use of the In-Loving Trust Window interest for the January Annual meeting. Last year’s interest was not used, and remains in the ILTW Fund. Rich had been keeping the second key to the Church safe deposit box, and he passed that on to Barb. Because Rich has been serving as the “Assistant Treasurer” during his three-year term, Barb asked if he would be continuing in that position. He didn’t think he could since he would no longer be a Council member. Pastor Darrell suggested that Council adds the “Assistant Treasurer” position to the Council offices.

**Meeting Adjourned:** There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Rich Hoffelmeyer, and seconded by Barb Scharf to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried. Everyone joined hands to close with the Lord's Prayer.

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Kurt Pellmann – President

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Barbara Scharf – Vice-president

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Richard Hoffelmeyer – Assistant Treasurer

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Betty Ann Keller Timmer – Secretary Pro-tem