

**Zion Evangelical Church
Council Minutes
February 12, 2024**

ATTENDANCE: Council members present were Vice-President Annette Hund, Sherry Wynn, Betty Ann Keller Timmer, Darren Doerr, Joshua Seidlitz, Andrew Taake, Kurt Tegtmeier, and Office Administrator Amanda Frierdich. Pastor Darrell Weber joined the meeting at 8:30. Annette called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Amanda had emailed copies of the Treasurer's Report and Missions Report to members prior to the meeting, and copies of both were also available at the meeting. Treasurer Barb Scharf had asked Amanda a question prior to the meeting concerning the budgeted amounts by accounts. Amanda explained that the Church Windows program divides the budgeted numbers evenly over 12 months, even though some months may actually have expenses for the quarter. Maintenance expenses were higher than budgeted in January because the fire extinguishers had been inspected, some light bulbs in the exit signs had been replaced, and the quarterly boiler maintenance had been done. A motion was made by Andrew to approve the Treasurer's Report, and seconded by Sherry; motion carried. Amanda suggested setting-up direct deposit for employee payroll. Before leaving the meeting, Amanda stated that she had taken the Baby Bottles to the bank today, and she'll have the total for Life Network available next month.

BCE Report: Pastor Darrell reported that the BCE did not meet in January.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The December 11, 2023 and January 8, 2024 minutes were reviewed by Council. A motion was made by Sherry and seconded by Josh 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 thanked Zion's Council and Sisters-in-Faith, Clark Ferry, Patti French, and Dave Woehlke for their help with Bill Savering's ordination on January 14. Six Evangelical Association pastors and two EA licensed pastors attended. The annual congregation meeting on January 21 tasked the Council with exploring the additional option for a floor scrubber for the Fellowship Hall. Lenten meals will be on February 14 (Council), February 21 (Z-Team) and March 28 (Sisters-in-Faith). Lenten services will remain at 7:00 p.m. Pastor has worked on scheduling the Community Cross Walk for Good Friday (March 29), with the Rev. Joan Meier, Deacon Bill Mueller, Mr. Jim Jarvis, Mrs. Elle Heiligenstein, Father Marvin Volk and Pastor Matt Friz joining him as the cross is carried through Millstadt. Our four confirmands are working on a joint Confirmation Project and their presentation, which will take place on March 17. The Rite of Confirmation will take place on Palm Sunday (March 24) and their First Communion will be during the 10:00 a.m. Easter service on March 31. Pastor has given us a date for his last Sunday prior to retirement of June 8, 2025. A motion was made by Andrew, and seconded by Darren, to accept Pastor Darrell's report; motion carried.

RENEWING ZION CHURCH: No report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit & Budget. (Barb Scharf). No report at this time.

Long Range Ministry (Andrew Taake). Andrew has been brainstorming for ideas on what can be done as a church. He is looking at a corn hole tournament in the Church Park. He is checking if there is interest in such an event. He suggests that at least one person per team be a Zion member.

Missions & Outreach. (Betty Keller Timmer). Amanda had distributed the 2024 mission report, which showed that we had a balance of \$3,554. Donations for missions in January totaled \$985.

Staff/Parish Relations. (Darren Doerr). Darren reported that he had met with a potential custodian, who showed interest in the job; this person is currently cleaning three other churches. Darren is waiting to meet with two other potential candidates.

Property & Long Range. (Josh Seidlitz). Josh has been checking with Pastor Darrell on any problems with the building. The Z-Team had found a faucet leak outside on the east side of the Educational Building. In another issue, water has been accumulating on the roof, and the Z-Team will take care of this later by tarring the crack.

Annette had tried to contact Mike Germann, who had done research on getting a floor scrubber, but had been unable to reach him. Sherry called Kurt Pellmann, who explained that he had spoken to Mike about the scrubber. Mike had not received the information from Kurt Tegtmeier on the smaller machine, and was going to order the original scrubber for \$5,999.

Volunteer Ministries. (Sherry Wynn). Sherry will be contacting past Council members to be ushers at Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Lenten Meals. Council reviewed plans for the Ash Wednesday meal.

Trivia Night Preparation: Council members will be distributing flyers for the Zion trivia night at other area trivias.

NEW BUSINESS:

Usher Duties. Council reviewed duties: Prior to the start of worship, the head usher is to make sure programs/bulletins are at both entrances and are distributed, and that the candles are lit. During the service, the head usher is to count the attendance. Following the service, the head usher checks that all doors are locked, and makes sure the cash offering is taken to the bank.

Meeting Adjourned: There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Andrew, and seconded by Sherry to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried. Everyone joined hands to close with the Lord's Prayer.

Kurt Pellmann – President

Annette Hund – Vice-president

Barb Scharf – Assistant Treasurer

Betty Ann Keller Timmer – Secretary