

**Zion Evangelical Church  
Council Minutes  
March 11, 2024**

**ATTENDANCE:** Council members present were Vice-President Annette Hund, Sherry Wynn, Treasurer Barb Scharf, Secretary Betty Ann Keller Timmer, Darren Doerr, Joshua Seidlitz, Andrew Taake, Kurt Tegtmeier, Office Administrator Amanda Friedrich and Pastor Darrell Weber. Annette called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Amanda noted that we had received the \$40,000 proceeds from the sale of one acre of the Church Park to Scharf Building Services on February 22; the money was deposited into the Future Park Projects Fund. Barb commented that she would look at potential certificate of deposit rates for some of the funds currently in the Elevator Fund, Future Park Projects Fund, I Hecke Property Sale Funds, and the Memorial Fund. A motion was made by Sherry to approve the Treasurer's Report, and seconded by Darren; motion carried. Council members discussed the trivia night, which was held on March 9. Net profit was \$4737.65, which was comparable to previous years. Amanda suggested that we have one person to be the coordinator/point of contact for next year. We did not pay to have the St. James Hall cleaned this year – we had lots of volunteers who stayed after the trivia was finished to help with the clean-up. Amanda also reported that the pre-school room had been used over the weekend, and required some clean-up on Monday morning; the room will now be locked after class on Fridays. We had received donations totaling \$150 in honor of Kenny Harres' 97<sup>th</sup> birthday – Pastor Darrell will check with Kenny to see if he has a preference for how the money will be used.

**BCE Report:** The BCE will have a meeting after Church on March 17 to discuss plans for Vacation Bible School, which will be held June 10-14. We currently have all of the adult help needed for VBS, but are still needing some youth helpers. We will start focusing on advertising. We are wanting to get pre-registrations.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The February 12, 2024 minutes were reviewed by Council. A motion was made by Sherry and seconded by Andrew 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. The schedule for the confirmands, Katelyn Allen, Wesley Hale, Josephina Riemann and Ella Weaver, is Presentation Sunday – March 17<sup>th</sup>, Confirmation Photos and the Rite of Confirmation – March 24<sup>th</sup>, and First Communion at 10:00 on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The Millstadt Community Good Friday Cross Walk is scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup> at noon. Easter plans start with 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service with Communion, 8:00 a.m. Breakfast, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Easter Egg Hunt, and 10:00 a.m. Resurrection Service with Confirmand's First Communion. Vacation Bible School will be June 10-14, using Group's SCUBA theme. A motion was made by Barb, and seconded by Andrew, to accept Pastor Darrell's report; motion carried.

**RENEWING ZION CHURCH:** Charlotte Mehrtens had suggested last year that we do some kind of "welcome" for new families to the Millstadt area. Betty will check with Welcome Wagon as a way of contacting newcomers.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**Long Range Ministry (Andrew Taake).** Andrew has checked with several Zion members to get their feedback on a corn hole tournament – he has received positive comments. After discussion, Council decided to host a corn hole tournament on Sunday May 19 at 1:00 in the Church Park. At this time, we are thinking of a \$5/person entry fee, with the top three two-person teams receiving prize money, based on the number of entrants. We will have the information added to the Church Facebook page.

**Missions & Outreach. (Betty Keller Timmer).** Amanda had distributed the 2024 mission report, which showed that we had received \$3839.79 in mission donations during February.

**Staff/Parish Relations. (Darren Doerr).** Darren reported that Dean Johnson had cleaned at Church on March 5. The first month is being treated as a trial period. After that, Dean will have a better idea of the amount of time he will need

on a weekly basis.

**Property & Long Range. (Josh Seidlitz).** Josh explained that the Educational Building has a tuck pointing problem on the north wall. Pastor Darrell will check with the Z-Team into getting this repaired.

**Volunteer Ministries. (Sherry Wynn).** Sherry has recruited Bob Timmer, Dave Woehlke, Joan Launius and Jeannine Kochmann to be ushers for the Sunrise Service on March 31.

**Worship & Music. (Annette Hund).** Pastor Darrell suggested that since Mark and Kelly Riemann are picking the songs for the contemporary portion of the weekly service, and they are running the sound equipment, that the budget for 2025 should include a salary for them.

**Cemetery Board. (Kurt Tegtmeier).** Kurt T., Randy Eckert and Darrell Doerr have spread straw on a newly seeded area of the Freivogel Cemetery. The man who had been mowing the Baltz Cemetery no longer wants to mow there. Andrew, who mows the Freivogel Cemetery, said that he is willing to mow both cemeteries. A motion was made by Barb, and seconded by Sherry, to have Andrew Taake mow both cemeteries; motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Scrubber Update.** Mike Germann had told Barb that he thought the new floor scrubber would be in March 16. He would like to set-up a Saturday for people to come and learn how to use it. Regarding some of the issues that had arisen with the purchase of the scrubber, Pastor suggested that we have better communication in the future.

**Easter Breakfast:** Last year's breakfast had 54 people attending – we'll need at least nine tables, plus three parallel to the stage for the buffet line. We need to start the water boiling for the eggs by 5:30. Jonathon Arnold has been donating the sausages for the breakfast – someone will need to check if he will do this again. Annette will order supplies from Switzers, and make sure that someone is here on Thursday for the delivery. She will also get the orange juice and milk. Betty will set out two bags of the eggs from the freezer to the refrigerator on Saturday. Andrew will get the fruit, and Betty will donate some homemade jelly.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**EA Meeting in Augusta, MO.** The Evangelical Association will be having the first ever Gateway Regional Gathering on Saturday April 13 at Femme Osage UCC (an EA congregation). So far, Josh, Pastor Darrell and Marjie Weber will be attending, but others are encouraged to join them. They will be leaving Zion at 7:30 a.m.

**National EA Meeting in Edwardsville, IL.** Eden Evangelical Church in Edwardsville will be hosting the national meeting the second weekend of September.

**Millstadt Library Request.** Nichole Lauko, Millstadt Library director, contacted the Church to see if the Library could use the stage in the Fellowship Hall for two plays during the summer. After discussion, a motion was made by Barb, and seconded by Josh, to allow the Library to use our stage for two plays; motion carried.

**Ringing of the Bells.** Andrew volunteered to show the confirmands how to ring the bells at the start of the worship service. He will be ringing the bells for the next three Sundays.

**Meeting with Pastor Jim Barnes.** Because several Council members will not be able to attend the EA meeting at Femme Osage UCC in April, Council decided to invite Pastor Jim Barnes to attend a future Council meeting to guide us through the search process for the next Zion pastor.

**Meeting Adjourned:** There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Barb, and seconded by Sherry to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 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