

Council Meeting - April 8, 2024

ATTENDANCE: Council members present were President Kurt Pellmann, Vice-President Annette Hund, Sherry Wynn, Treasurer Barb Scharf, Secretary Betty Ann Keller Timmer, Joshua Seidlitz, Andrew Taake, Kurt Tegtmeier and Office Administrator Amanda Friedrich; Pastor Darrell Weber joined the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Kurt P. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and Josh gave an opening prayer.

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 a bill from Wolfmeier Trucking for a delivery of rock to the Freivogel Cemetery during 2017. Another noted expense was the annual elevator inspection, which cost \$675. A motion was made by Andrew, and seconded by Sherry to approve the Treasurer's Report; motion carried. Council approved the addition of Robert Stumpf's name to the In Loving Trust Window.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The March 11, 2024 minutes were reviewed by Council. A motion was made by Sherry and seconded by Barb to approve the minutes; motion carried.

RENEWING ZION CHURCH: Betty reported that she had contacted Welcome Wagon concerning their program for welcoming new residents to a community. She gave a brief report on how the program works, as well as the monthly cost. After some discussion, a motion was made by Sherry and seconded by Josh to start with Welcome Wagon, using money from the Irma Hecke Fund to pay the fees and other expenses associated with the program; motion carried. Also under "Renewing Zion Church", Kurt T. asked if we could get Jawaun Pearson, who has been a soloist for Sunday worship in the past, to possibly start a youth choir; others asked if he would be interested in working with the Sunday School students and have them then sing during Sunday worship once a month. Josh will check with Jawaun to see if that would be possible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Long Range Ministry (Andrew Taake). Andrew led the discussion on the Corn Hole Tournament, which is set for Sunday May 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Park. The tournament will consist of two-person teams, at a cost of \$5 per participant, using a single elimination format. May 12 will be the deadline for registrations. We will be advertising to the community, as well as the congregation. First, second and third place winners will receive a cash prize.

Pastor Darrell joined the meeting at this point.

BCE Report: The BCE has not met other than planning for Vacation Bible School on March 17. Another planning meeting is set for April 14, after Worship. Pastor Darrell stated that "everything is falling into place for VBS". We have all of the adult positions filled. Letters have been sent to families of past attendees, Sunday School children, and Zion Pre-School students.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Darrell had sent his Pastor's Report of his activities for the previous month to Council members. He visited with several Zion members who are either in care facilities or at home prior to Easter. He participated in two Evangelical Association licensure interviews during March; he will be participating in the installation of EA Rev. Jim Allen at Trinity Evangelical Church in Mt. Vernon, IN on April 21. Pastor Gary Franke will lead Worship at Zion that day. Pastor Darrell will be leading a group from Zion to attend the EA Regional Meeting at Femme Osage UCC Church, near Augusta, MO, on April 13, as well as the EA National Convocation at Eden Church in Edwardsville, IL on September 20-21. A motion to accept Pastor Darrell's report was made by Barb, and seconded by Sherry; motion carried.

Missions & Outreach. (Betty Keller Timmer). Amanda had distributed the 2024 mission report, which showed that we had received \$1242.10 in mission donations during March.

Staff/Parish Relations. (Darren Doerr). Darren was unable to attend the meeting, but he had emailed a report. He said everyone seems to be happy with the new custodian, Dean, who said that he was "good" with keeping the pay at \$90 per week. If anyone notices something that he's missing, please let Darren know and he will pass the information on to Dean.

Property & Long Range. (Josh Seidlitz). Josh said that the leak in the Educational Building had been fixed. However, the plaster in the Conference Room as well as Pastor Darrell's office is in need of some repairs. Josh will check to see if someone in the congregation can repair the plaster.

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

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

Cemetery Board. (Kurt Tegtmeier). Andrew has begun mowing at the Baltz Cemetery.

OLD BUSINESS:

Scrubber Update. Mike Germann had told Kurt P. that the scrubber had been delivered and assembled. Mike is hoping to schedule a training session for either this week or next week.

Sealing the Church Parking Lot. Kurt P. asked if the Church parking lot should be resealed this year. Council agreed, and Kurt P. will speak to Ted Moore to get on their schedule for this spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

Easter Breakfast: We had 50 people attend the Easter Breakfast. Andrew suggested that we might try something different for next year – breakfast casseroles, donuts and fruit.

Cake Stand at Firemen's Picnic: Sherry announced that the Firemen's Picnic is scheduled for June 7 and 8. We will again have a cake stand there, and are hoping for 150 cakes. St. James Church will loan us their stands and wheel for the event.

Meeting Adjourned: There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Andrew, and seconded by Barb to adjourn the meeting at 8:10p.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