

**Zion Evangelical Church
Council Minutes
May 13, 2024**

ATTENDANCE: Council members present were President Kurt Pellmann, Sherry Wynn, Secretary Betty Ann Keller Timmer, Joshua Seidlitz, Andrew Taake, Darren Doerr, Kurt Tegtmeier, Office Administrator Amanda Frierdich and Pastor Darrell Weber. Kurt P. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and Pastor Darrell gave an opening prayer.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Amanda distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report and Missions Report. Amanda asked how to pay Andrew Taake for mowing both the Freivogel and Baltz cemeteries. Council decided to split the cost between the two cemetery funds. She will also start a new account for Welcome Wagon, and also get the forms needed to start direct deposit for Zion employees' paychecks. She noted that the pre-school enrollment for the 2024-25 school year is down – we will work to increase the enrollment. A motion was made by Andrew, and seconded by Josh to approve the Treasurer's Report; motion carried. Amanda explained that the ring tone bell for the back door is not working. Josh will look into getting that functioning.

BCE REPORT: Pastor Darrell reported that the BCE had held a program for Mother's Day for the Sunday School students to make a gift for their mothers. May 19 will be the last day for Sunday School for this school year. The BCE is making plans for the Church Picnic on June 2. They will have a piñata, and a craft station for children to make gifts for their dads for Father's Day; they are also working on activities for all ages – possibly relay games and/or a corn hole tournament. Forty children have pre-registered for Vacation Bible School. Decorating for VBS is continuing – we are working with Bethesda Evangelical Church, which is also using Group's SCUBA theme, by using some of their supplies as well as having some of their members assist us with preparations.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The April 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. He has been busy with VBS. Pastor suggested that we contact someone to structurally inspect the bell tower as some of the ladders on the various levels are getting weak. Council discussed the contemporary songs at the opening of Sunday worship services. We are not paying to play these songs – radio station JOYFM provides this service.

RENEWING ZION CHURCH: Pastor Darrell has been working with Welcome Wagon – he has updated our ad to include the summer schedule of worship in the park, the patriotic concert in July and our pre-school. Betty will check with our Welcome Wagon rep to get the list of newcomers who received the May mailing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Long Range Ministry (Andrew Taake). Andrew stated that we may have 16 2-person teams for the corn hole tournament on May 19. Council decided that the prize money for first place would be \$80, second place would be \$60 and third place would be \$20.

Missions & Outreach. (Betty Keller Timmer). Amanda had distributed the 2024 mission report, which showed that we had received \$679.01 for Compassion Kids, the April Mission, and also \$125 for the Salvation Army/Ukraine, and \$150 for Kids for Christ, during April. The Salvation Army had contacted Amanda concerning a food drive for the St. Louis Area, which will take place May 11-27. Pastor Darrell will contact members of the Missions & Outreach Committee to discuss participating in this food drive.

Staff/Parish Relations. (Darren Doerr). Darren explained that the new custodian, Dean Powers, cleans the Church on Tuesdays. Darren has not heard any complaints, just a few things to be "tweaked".

Property & Long Range. (Josh Seidlitz). The gutter from the roof is still leaking, and the plaster in the Conference Room is disintegrating. Some of the mortar on the north side of the Education Building is missing – Kurt P. suggested that Josh ask Chris French to look at the problem. Pastor Darrell will also talk to Gary Shondy to get his thoughts on the

problem. The temperature in the refrigerator in the Church kitchen had been high. Kevin Hettenhausen, a local HVAC contractor, had been contacted – he added some Freon, a temporary fix. This has been an ongoing problem that has been checked previously – evidently a small leak somewhere, which is difficult to find. Council decided to monitor the temperature for now, and replace the refrigerator the next time the problem occurs. Kelly Riemann had sent an email to Pastor and to Kurt P. to report a problem with the sanctuary projector. The unit is 15 years old, and has 1152 hours of use on the bulb, which is the original bulb. Pastor suggested asking the Riemanns for some options.

Volunteer Ministries. (Sherry Wynn). Sherry has begun recruiting new Council members for the next three-year term.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Sealing the Church Parking Lot. Kurt P. said that he had talked to Ted Moore concerning the sealing of the parking lot. Ted plans to do the work either by the end of May or the first week of June.

Cake Stand at Firemen's Picnic. Sherry reminded Council members of the cake stand we will have at the Firemen's Picnic. She has a workers' list as well as a list for donated cakes. The goal is 150 cakes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Letter of Congratulations for Trinity Lutheran Church. Patti French had suggested that Zion Church should send a letter of congratulations to Trinity on their 175th anniversary this year. Pastor Darrell will do this.

Chair Caddy. Mike Germann had suggested that Zion get an additional chair caddy for the Fellowship Hall. Josh will check into pricing for one.

Stained Glass Windows at Zion: Will Shannon, St. Clair County Historical Society curator, had contacted Betty for some help with a project an UMSL student is doing on historical stained glass and its design significance. They were looking for information on the artist or any historical information we may have for the sanctuary windows and the rose window. Although Zion has kept records dating to the start of the congregation, they are in need of organizing. Pastor Darrell is thinking that we should have a historical records committee established to work on such a project.

Church Picnic. Kurt P. and Andrew will start the grill at 8:30. We will check the report from last year to order supplies, and also check with Ginger for paper goods. We will again be serving brats, hamburgers and hot dogs along with lemonade and water. Kurt P. will be getting ice from the Fire Department. The BCE will be serving snow cones.

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 8:20p.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