

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 9th, 2024 - 7:30 pm

Attendees: S. Moore, E. Weinstein, B. Tyson, A. Mastrangelo, M. Shaw, B. Miller-Seeley, J. Florio, T. Mandik, A. Kirk, M. Randolph

Absent: S. Rogers

Confirmation students present: Robbie Dickson-Ebersole , Thomas Mastrangelo, and Adele

Call to Order: S. Moore called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. M. Randolph gave devotions.

Action/Discussion Items:

- First order of business was the confirmation students. They introduced themselves. Council introduced themselves. The students asked Council members questions. Council asked the students the question "Why do you feel that you should be confirmed?". After the students gave Council their answers to this question, they left the room so Council could take a vote. T. Mandik made a motion that the students should be confirmed. B. Miller-Seeley 2nd the motion. Motion passed. The students returned to the council room and S. Moore let the students know they had been approved to be confirmed.
- Vandalism to the playground fence is still an ongoing issue. One long term solution is to put trail cameras around the playground. M. Randolph will provide a trail camera to see if we are able to see what/who is vandalizing the fence.
- The Executive Committee has secured the names of four volunteers willing to be members of the School Board: J. Dietrich, J. Randolph, A. Mastrangelo, E. Weinstein.
- Centennial Lutheran Church is hosting a Rise Against Hunger event on September 29th and will be using Zion's facilities to host the event. J. Florio made a motion that Zion will be having a Rise Against Hunger event in the Fellowship Hall that will be hosted by Centennial Lutheran Church. T. Mandik 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
- Sunday June 30th service will be hosted by St. Peters for all three churches to attend: Zion, Centennial and St. Peters. There will be a picnic following the service at St. Peters pavilion. More details to follow as the date comes closer.

- S. Moore has been in contact with Boot Road Tree Service to get an estimate of tree removal around the property. Nothing has been finalized yet.
- S. Rogers did email Elysia Yoder's mother letting her know that Council did approve Elysia's request to start a shared library bookshelf at Zion as her bronze project for Junior Girl Scouts.
- Mr. and Mr. Mandik will be going to the ELCA Assembly meeting this year.
- S. Moore made a motion to approve the April minutes. A. Kird 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Reports:

- Pastor's report:

-Nothing to report.

-Christian Ed/Youth:

-Thank you to all who participated in the Sunday School collection of non-perishable food items during the Lenten Season for the Phoenixville and Spring City Food Pantries.

-The Sunday School children will be singing on May 5th for Youth Sunday.

-S. Rogers and Molly from St. John's Lutheran Church were finally able to connect. They are planning to have both youth groups do a couple activities together in the 2025-2026 school year. Molly was very appreciative of S. Rogers ideas and suggestions.

-Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th was another big hit this year. The weather was sunny and chilly, however the hunt was still held outside. Thank you to everyone who donated candy to fill the plastic eggs and to the youth group for filling and hiding the eggs.

-Ashley and S. Rogers are still holding evening Bible Study classes in April and May. The dates are April 8th, April 22nd, May 6th and May 20th from 6:30-7:30. The Bible Study is for all ages and all are welcome to join.

-April 7th was the Mystery Dinner. Around 21 people came to join in the fun. Thank you to all the actors and everyone else who was a part of it. S. Rogers received a lot of positive feedback via text and phone from those that attended.

-April 9th the confirmation students will be attending the Council meeting to be approved by Council to be confirmed on May 19th.

-May 5th is Youth Sunday.

-May 19th is Pentecost Sunday, confirmation students to be confirmed that day and also is the last day of Sunday School.

-Vacation Bible School is June 17th-June 20th from 6-8pm for ages 3 to 6 grade. The theme this year is The Life of Jesus.

-ELCA Youth Trip is July 14th-July 22nd.

-White water rafting trip is July 26th.

-Finance Committee/Monthly reports:

-March financials overall look good due to five Sundays in March and the Easter Holiday. Plus the monthly school donation of \$6,060 for April was posted in March as a second payment. Ended March with a \$5,015 surplus. We will see how the April financials turn out without the April school donation.

-The remaining balance of the Capital Campaign money of \$1,875 was merged into the beginning balance of the Improvement Fund in March. The Capital Campaign Fund has been removed from the report.

-T. Mandik made a motion to approve the Financials. E. Weinstein 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

-Worship and Music:

-Did not meet.

-Zion School Board:

-The Executive Committee had a meeting with D. Platcheck. The School Board budget planning process is coming up.

-Social Ministry:

-Nothing to report.

-Property:

-Working on the priority of the lighting projects around the property as mentioned in Action/Discussion Items.

-Technology:

-The Facebook video glitched this past Sunday, however the sound still worked.

-Zion Cemetery:

-Did not meet but did supply a March Financial report:

Checking	\$6,699.08
CD (zollers)	\$5,210.01
Driveway Fund	\$15,500.62
Wells Fargo	\$2,929.37
Thrivent	\$63,053.17

-The Columbarium is totally paid for.

-Community Connections:

-Next event is in June, Spring City Community Day.

-Call Committee:

-The committee is no longer needed. Council is looking to re-establish a Mutual Ministry Committee later this year.

-May 14th at 7:30 is the next Council meeting. M. Shaw has devotions.

-B. Tyson made a motion to adjourn. A. Mastrangelo 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

-S. Moore gave a closing prayer.