

Minutes

Church Council Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Zion Church Council was held on Monday, Feb. 9th, at 6:30 P.M. in Zion's Conference room the Outgoing President being in the chair and the Secretary being present. The following people were present for all or part of the meeting: Mr. Bruce McIntosh, Mrs. Linda Kinna-Engel, Mr. Bob Rockwell, Mr. Clinton Appleby, Ms. Sharon Finley, Ms. Addison Shupe, Mr. Jack Newkirk, Mrs. Sandy Bell, Mrs. Lois Ahalt, Mrs. Sharon Boyer, Mrs. Kaylyn Luther, Mrs. Deb Reichelt (Treasurer), Pastor Matt Day, Pastor Diane Day. Absent: Mrs. Lori Odell, Mr. Daron Gorden. A quorum was met with 12 of 14 members present at the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Agenda items were distributed to council members electronically prior to the meeting. Deb Reichelt asked that three items be added to the agenda regarding issuing a credit card, the Church/Memorial Garden funds, and the use of the Shop Raise app. There being no discussion, the chair called for the vote. The motion was adopted as amended.

VOTED:

2026-2-1 To adopt the agenda as amended (moved and seconded)

Devotions: Pastor Diane

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the January Council meeting. A voice vote was taken; the vote was unanimous.

VOTED:

2026-2-2 To accept the minutes as corrected.

The reports of the Treasurer, Secretary, Executive committee, Property committee, Mutual Ministry committee, Safety and Security Ministry Team, Middletown Valley Food Bank and the Co-Pastors were received and placed on file. The President called for a motion to accept the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda were adopted.

VOTED:

2026-2-3 To adopt the consent agenda.

Under Reports of Special Committees and Ministry Teams the Council received a verbal update from Pastor Matt and Deb Reichelt on the progress of the furniture

committee. They noted that 59 chair sponsorships have been received. The chairs are scheduled for delivery at the end of February.

The first item of Unfinished Business was an update from the Mutual Ministry Committee presented by Linda Kinna-Engel. Linda noted that The Mutual Ministry Committee did not meet again this month so a decision on the question regarding the procedures for annual review of the pastors will be postponed until next month.

The next item of unfinished Business was to be a recommendation from the Finance committee regarding insurance renewal. However, the Finance committee hasn't met so a decision on this question will again be postponed until next month.

The last item under unfinished business was the report of the Audit committee that met in January. No deficiencies were reported.

Under New Business, the first item of business was the appointment of a new manager for the Cemetery Board. The Cemetery Board announced the reappointment of Terry Poffinberg as Cemetery Board manager. Council approval was received with unanimous consent.

VOTED:

2026-2-4 To approve the reappointment of Terry Poffinberger as a Cemetery Board Manager

The next item of New Business was the appointment of two individuals to replace departing Mutual Ministry committee members. A third individual will be presented next month. The motion was passed by unanimous consent.

VOTED:

2026-2-5 To appoint the following individuals to replace departing members (Linda Kinna-Engel and Bry Bybel): Lisa Dwyer Beistel and Lori Shupe

The topic of discontinuation of the Summer issue of the Beacon was tabled until March at the recommendation of the Council.

The Property committee presented a proposal from Steeples Plus for the repair of 3 lintels. There was some discussion regarding the fact that only one proposal was considered but the Council did not want to delay correcting a safety hazard and were confident that the work performed for Zion by Steeples Plus over many years was sufficient to warrant moving ahead with these repairs. The motion was passed by unanimous consent.

VOTED:

2026-2-6 To approve the Property committee's recommendation to accept Steeples Plus's proposal for the replacement of three lintels on the west wall of the church. (\$3100.00 each)

The remaining New Business on the agenda i.e. the appointment of Liaisons for standing committees, review of the Standing committee's goals, approval of the officers elected by the Food Bank, Appointment of the Nominating Committee members, consideration of Jeff Derr's thoughts about putting something in writing regarding family members on council at same time and addressing Bruce Albright's concerns were all tabled until March to allow the new Executive committee to review the issues.

The final item of business was the election of new officers. Jack Newkirk was nominated for President; Darin Gordon was nominated as Vice President and Lois Ahalt was nominated as Secretary. The voting was unanimous in the selection of the nominees.

During the Open Forum there were discussions regarding:

- Deb Reichelt's question regarding issuance of a credit card to the Chair of the Personnel committee. There was some concern about setting a precedence, but it was generally agreed that this would be acceptable.
- Deb also initiated a discussion about combining the church garden fund account and the Memorial Garden fund account. This matter was tabled until March.
- A suggestion was made to consider use of the *Shop Raise* app to raise income for the church. This matter was referred to the Finance committee for review.
- Canceling AA on funeral Saturdays
- Council retreat
- Lenten Dinner
- Take 5

The departing Council President selected Council members to present the *Take 5* items at the next worship services on Sat. Feb. 14th, 2026. and the Sunday services on Feb. 15th, 2026.

The Feb. 2026 meeting of the Church Council adjourned at 8:28 P.M. on Feb. 9th, 2026, following announcements and prayer.

Bruce McIntosh, Secretary