

Church Council Meeting Minutes
August 2023

The regular meeting of the church council of Zion Lutheran Church was held August 15, 2023, at 6:30 in the social room of the church, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present. Members present were Bob Rockwell, Carolyn Milauskas, Bruce McIntosh, Linda Kinna-Engel, Shelly Gladhill, Alexa Masser, Bob Hetrick, Jeff Derr, Doug Davis, Pastor Matt Day, Pastor Diane Day, Deb Reichelt, Meghan Gunsallus. Donna Huffer, Jim Hoover was present to answer questions about the van policy and property report. A quorum was met with 13 of 13 members present at the meeting.

Bob Rockwell had 2 items to be added to the agenda. First item being a church member stating she was to know CPR and does not. A resolution was given to the church member. Second item was Bob Rockwell received a call from the Town of Middletown and the church is being asked to reconsider building the food bank on Green St. Bob Rockwell wanted approval to have a congregation meeting about this decision. It was decided to table the subject until the September meeting, so more information could be gathered.

2023-8-1. Motion was made to adjust the order of the agenda to allow discussion of the Van Policy and any questions about the property report to be discussed first. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion about the motion, and voice vote was unanimous.

2024-8-2. Move to accept the recommendations of the Property Committee, form a subcommittee to review; clarify and fill in administration procedures; present a finalized version at the September Council meeting. The motion was seconded, and the voice vote was 7 ayes, and 4 nays. The ayes have it. Linda Kinna-Engel was appointed as the Chair.

Questions and answers were discussed about the property report.

2023-8-3 Motion was made to accept the June Church Council meeting minutes with corrections. Motion was seconded and the voice vote was unanimous.

The Treasurer's report was received, and questions answered (see enclosed report). Deb provided an update on the garden repairs, reporting enough money has been collected, and the Poffinberger fund has been used.

Committee Reports: No questions.

Staff Reports: Questions were answered, and Pastors provided an oral update.

Combined Worship: It was suggested to ask the Saturday 5:00 worshipers when there is a combined church service on Sunday if they want to proceed with the church service on Saturday, or to cancel the service and attend on Sunday. A hand vote is to be taken at the next Saturday service.

Stewardship Appeal: An oral update was given to the council that the Pastors had attended a stewardship workshop, and were given new ideas for stewardship, and Pastor Matt will be meeting with the stewardship committee about these ideas and will report back.

Garden Dedication: Pastors gave an oral update on the ideas they have for the Garden dedication.

Council Liaisons: Council Liaisons were assigned, and members were told which committee they will be the liaison for. There were no questions.

Heritage Days: There were oral updates on events that will be happening at the church on Heritage Days. The pastors stated there is an all-committee meeting on August 30, 2023, and would like as many church council members that can be to be at the meeting.

MVPHP Basket: MVPHP (Middletown Valley People Helping People) is asking for a basket for a fundraiser, or \$300.00 for a basket. It was decided the church council members will provide the \$300.00 for the basket, and each member to contribute \$25.00 per person.

Apple Butter: Apple Butter making will be on October 21, 2023.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 with the Lord's prayer.

Carolyn Milauskas, Council Secretary