

Zion Council Meeting
August 18, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm by President, Tracy Bockbrader

Present: Tracy Bockbrader, Karla Southworth on phone, Paul Holm, Pastor Christina Johnson, Kathy Blascyk, Cari Terrio-Johnson and Naomi Palmquist

Excused Absence, Abby Weix

Dwelling lead by Cari- When you feel forgotten by God from book by Kate Bowler "The Lives We Actually Have".

Motion was made to approve meeting agenda with addition to the stage area in the social hall by Pastor Christina seconded by Naomi. Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Pastor Christina to approve the July meeting minutes, seconded by Cari. Motion as approved.

Review of Constitution was tabled till the September meeting.

Reports:

Pastor's Report

3 members have been invited to attend a mission support meeting on September 29th at 6:00 pm. RSVP needed by September 20th

Pastor Christina had a visit with Justin Lang from Church Mutual. He would be willing to give us a quote on insurance. We now have NPIA . Our premium that covers a year is due July 1. We will come back to this in March and possibly get a quote and investigate their insurance policy and our policy with NPIA.

Motion was made by Naomi and seconded by Paul that we give Kristy approval to write a check for \$2,478.00 for Pastor Christina's continuing education trip to Egypt. Motion was approved.

Pastor Christina will be gone 9-4to 9-15, 2026. Sundays are covered and she will get a local Pastor to be on call in case of emergencies.

Office Report

Kristy's fall hours will be - Mon-Fri 9:00-2:00pm starting on 9-8-26

Worship and Music Report

Property Committee Report

The keystone tree planting is going ahead. These trees are good for pollinators. A question of where the money comes from needs to be addressed. Also, there is a concern for the day care if trees are planted too close to where the kids play and that may lead to a chance someone will be stung. Staff have gotten stung taking out trash in the fall when the rotting apples have been placed in the dumpster. They are working on a remedy for this with a special compost area for apples. The property committee's next meeting will be August 31st.

There was an issue with a repairman in the building to look at the refrigerator with no member from church with him. He was told to go through the daycare door. This had been addressed after the last council meeting and was not followed again. It was stated by the council that we

cannot have a repair person or someone doing maintenance in our building without a member of the property committee or a member from Zion there.

Financial report

Final approval for \$3000.00 credit line for the credit card has been accomplished. \$1500.00 for card for Pastor Christina and \$1500.00 on card for our treasurer.

Karla is looking at the Medicom bill and why it was late.

Finance Committee met and at that meeting discussed some expectations for our accountant. Mike Werhan.

Karla will be checking with bill pay and AHCH for some answers.

Motion was made by Pastor Christina and seconded by Naomi to approve the reports. Motion was approved.

Old Business:

1. Mike Werhan's bookkeeping. Pastor Christina stated what the expectations for Mike Werhan accounting were at the Finance Meeting. Discussion was held by the committee, and the plan is for the Finance Committee to meet with Mike and state those concerns and how they can work together to solve those concerns. Mike should also meet with Kristy to find the best ways for them to work together. They will give Mike a 3-month timeline for things to get better. Karla had some ideas on how to work with these concerns by getting more involved with those bills to try to gain an understanding of the issues from the last few months. A question about our synod benevolence giving came up and that will also need to be checked out.
2. Tiling the South Transept- Motion was made by Naomi to approve the buying of the tiles and installation of tiles at a price up to \$5,687.31 and seconded by Cari Motion was approved.
3. Water fountain will be installed. We will be looking for ways we can emphasize that council must know of plans or projects on or in the church building before they can move forward with those projects.

New Business:

1. New Forms for reimbursement and for donations - Naomi made a motion to approve both forms, the check request form and the in-kind donation form with the addition to a deadline line on the request check form for when the check should be cut by. seconded by Paul. Motion was approved.
2. Trash bins and recycling bins. Would be nice to have matching recycling bins and new signs. Tracy has recycle signs that can be used. Karla will get examples of trash bins that work and bring to the next meeting.
3. Newspaper in Education – Invitation for us to be a sponsor from the Pine Journal to supply newspapers for the classroom. That is not being done at this time in Carlton County so will not consider this at this time.
4. Stage – Rollie made a request to move the stage that is in the social hall and take down the decorative soffit and use the stage for the sound system in the church. Motion was made by Paul and seconded by Cari motion was approved.

Next meeting is September 15th at 6:00 pm. Naomi will do the Dwellings

Pastor Christina made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Cari seconded. Motion was approved and meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.