

Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes
January 20, 2026

Present: Tracy Bockbrader, Karla Southworth, Naomi Palmquist, Pastor Christina Johnson, Kathy Blaszyk, and Cari Terrio-Johnson

Absent: Paul Holm, Jan Gellerstedt

Meeting called to order by President, Naomi at 6:00 pm
Dwellings led by Kathy- Psalm 46:10

Motion made by Tracy and seconded by Pastor Christina to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was approved.

Motion made by Pastor Christina and seconded by Cari to approve the council minutes for December 16th, December 24th and January 6th. Motion was approved.

Committee Reports:

Pastor Christina's report. Pastor Christina will be out of the office February 2-6. She will be arranging someone to cover in case of an emergency. Changes to Financial Secretary's Job Description have been made as voted on at the last meeting and placed in proper folder. Mileage for last quarter is \$103.46.

Christian Education Report. Campership Sunday is Feb. 8th. Cari and Tracy will be working on this with Pastor Christina

Music and Worship. Would welcome suggestions or concerns about our worship services or feedback with new ideas in the liturgy, please let Pastor Christina know and encourage people to directly talk to her with their thoughts.

Finance Report. They have been busy cleaning up accounts and special reports. Along with financial report from our accountant, we also received a summary of the roof repair, meatball supper and the holiday dinners. The meatball supper 2025 profit was \$4,788.50 and in 2024 was \$1924.58 when expenses were paid. The Council will meet with Raffy Johnson before next year's dinners to clarify expenses, bookkeeping, etc. Pastor Christina made the motion to approve all reports, Cari seconded. Motion was approved.

Pastor Christina made the motion to add the proposed budget to the agenda under new business, seconded by Tracy. Motion was approved

Old Business

1. Nominations and 2026 Council. A few names were discussed and passed on to the Nominating Committee.
2. Meatball and Holiday Meals were discussed in the Financial Report

3. Office Administrator Job search update. The Executive Committee and Pastor Christina have been interviewing candidates. They have a candidate they would like to consider and will be getting references and hopefully offering the job soon.

New Business

1. Congregational voting members. We have two members who will be congregational voting members to the conference assembly February 15th Zion should have two members elected at the annual meeting as congregational voting members. Motion made by Cari and seconded by Karla that we the council, permit any two of the 2025 congregational voting members or the 2026 congregational voting members to represent this congregation at the next Conference Assembly scheduled for Sunday, February 15th. Motion was approved.
2. Request to use Organ funds. Motion was made by Pastor Christina and seconded by Tracy that we authorize Vicki to hire Steven Lethart to repair Zion's organ with the sum of \$1,250.00 as requested from account 1165, restricted organ fund. Motion was approved.
3. Resolution for adoption. Pastor Christina made the motion and Cari seconded. For the resolution for adoption- resolution of remembrance "We honor those who have died this past year and have become part of the Kingdom of Heaven. They are Don Kronemann, Floyd Krugert, Paul Fitch, Thomas Bond, Gail Schmidt and Carol Rule. May God bless their memory." to be presented at the Annual Meeting. Motion was approved.
4. New Members. Motion was made by Karla and seconded by Tracy to accept into membership LuAnn and Stephen Hansen and Evie Koski. Motion was approved.
5. Split of Youth Restricted Fund to create Faith in Life Scholarship Fund. Motion was made by Karla and seconded by Pastor Christina to reallocate \$3000.00 from Account 1171, Youth Fund into a new restricted account labeled Faith in Life Scholarship Fund. Motion was approved.
6. Holiday Dinners. \$7,000.00 was supposed to come from undesignated memorial funds for the sound system. That did not happen with roof repairs. Looking at the holiday meals from 2023, 2024 and 2025, the rent for those meals from DAV has been \$6,000.00. Motion was made by Pastor Christina and seconded by Cari to use that money for the sound system. Motion was approved.
7. Constitution Changes. Changes in the language of our Constitution have been recommended by Synod. Pastor Christina has made those language changes and along with the Executive Committee have made changes to number of council members, electronic opportunities for attending meetings and voting and our independent audit procedure. Tracy made the motion that the council recommend the adoption of the Zion Church Constitution changes and the changes in the by-laws as amended. Pastor Christina seconded. Motion was approved.
8. The proposed 2026 budget was reviewed. Pastor Christina made the motion and Cari seconded – that the council recommend the proposed budget that will be amended by Karla, clarifying modifications for approval at the annual meeting. Motion was approved.

Next meeting of the Council will be February 17th at 6:00 pm.
Dwellings will be by Pastor Christina

Motion was made by Pastor Christina and seconded by Tracy to adjourn the meeting.
Motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectively submitted Kathy Blascyk