

Zion Council Minutes
August 19,2025

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

Meeting called to order by President Naomi at 6:05 pm.
Devotional Time – Luke 15:8-10 read by Karla

Motion made to approve the agenda with correction of date of last meeting and an additional new business item of Expectations for the Office Managers duties by Pastor Christina, seconded by Jan and motion was approved.

Tracy made a motion to approve the July minutes with a spelling correction, seconded by Jan and motion was approved.

Committee Reports

Pastor's Report, Office report, financial report, Worship and Music Report.
Also, a spoken report on the Vision Committee of the success of National Nite Out serving 170 people and free ice cream Wednesdays with between 450 and 500 cones served.
Motion made by Pastor Christina and seconded by Cari to accept all reports. Motion was approved.

Old Business

Vacancy on our Church Council. Will be looking into the number we need on our council. Will research other churches with about the same number as we serve. Also, we will investigate a youth representative and how that may work out for them and for our council. A motion was made to table this until January by Pastor Christina, seconded by Cari. Motion was approved.
Roof Repairs. Property Committee has been working on this. The company will probably start working on roof in September

Community Day Camp was held July 20-24 at Our Saviors with 12 kids attending. Planning committee felt it was a success. They will meet again in January to set dates etc. Half of the invoice to VLM is \$1050.00. Karla made a motion to pay our half to VLM or \$1050.00 for the camp expenses. Tracy seconded. Motion was approved. This year we will be working out to have both churches on all paperwork, flyers etc. as both churches are co-partners and paying half Building Use Policy Will continue to work on this policy. Pastor Christina made the motion to table till the September meeting, seconded by Tracy. Motion was approved.

RIC annual contribution No set amount has been stated. RIC is ministry of ELCA but not funded by them. Karla made a motion to give \$250.00 for the second half of this year. Tracy seconded. Motion was approved.

New Business

The need for counters for the offering. They are counting every other week. Will have a temple talk by an experienced counter to try to increase the people counting. Also, we will try to have an experienced counter help people who have not counted before.

Funeral Committee. We are in need for people to help with funerals. We will add this mission to the stewardship list this fall. We need a couple of point people to organize the help in the kitchen etc. It may be easier if the person could also text to save on time of phone calls. Naomi volunteered to be point person until our next meeting.

Community of Hope Meals Council recommends that Zion gets involved in this ministry.

Motion was made by Jan, seconded by Cari, that we go ahead and be part of the Community of Hope meals on Sunday evenings. Motion was approved. We will get in touch with the organization and have them come to the Visioning and Hunger and Justice Committees to explain the process to get us included with the other churches in our community.

Office Manager Job Expectations. Elise will be working on her job description as she understands it to be and what she can get done in the hours she works. Council will look at this and evaluate and discuss it at a future meeting. If there happens to be complaints or questioning about the office managers duties, they should go to Pastor Christina or council and not directly to the office manager.

Next meeting is September 16th at 6:00 pm

Dwelling will be Jan

Motional to adjourn meeting was made by Tracy, seconded by Karla. Motion was approved.

Meeting ended at 8:10 pm