

Zion Council Meeting
June 23, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:12 pm by President, Tracy Bockbrader

Present: Tracy Bockbrader, Karla Southworth, Naomi Palmquist, Pastor Christina Johnson, Kathy Blascyk, Cari Terrio-Johnson
Excused Absence: Paul Holm, Abby Weix

Dwellings led by Pastor Christina from Jeremiah 28

Motion was made by Karla and seconded by Naomi to approve the meeting agenda.

Motion was approved

Motion was made by Pastor Christina and seconded by Cari to approve the May council minutes. Motion was approved.

Council continuing to review the constitution was tabled till the July meeting.

Reports:

Pastor's report. Discussion was held on the computer and the problems with One Drive this last month. Pastor Christina and Kristy will continue working on this and looking at different programs and how to resolve this issue if the problems continue.

Pastor Christina's continuing education fund and an opportunity to go on a continuing education trip to Egypt, January 11-21, 2027. Motion was made by Karla and seconded by Naomi to approve Pastor Christina use of a roll-over of \$1478 from the last two years of unused continuing education monies and the use of 100% (\$1000.00) of the 2027 continuing education funds for a trip to Egypt on January 11-21. If another continuing education opportunity comes in 2027 it would be the responsibility of payment by Pastor Christina. Motion was approved.

Music and Worship.

Regarding copyright laws and reporting for Zion. Kristy will begin reporting our usage of music and liturgy to the proper license agencies. We will also cancel CCLI license. Did check with Vicki and she does not use this. We will cancel one month before our yearly membership is due in February.

Finance. Went over the report submitted by Muckala & Werhan PLLC. Report was for assets and liabilities ending May 31st. Then we continued with report from treasurer, Karla. Will use the name Zion Lutheran Church of Cloquet for doing business as DBA. There is a \$50.00 fee to file online. Motion was made by Pastor Christina, seconded by Cari. Karla will expend the appropriate fees for DBA including on-line filing. Motion was approved.

The Leave committee will be meeting soon. Pastor Christina annual premium for Paid Leave is \$283.46. Zion pays half of the premiums for the employee. An additional cleaner from Pinewood started this last month.

Motion was made by Naomi and seconded by Cari to approve all the reports. Motion was approved.

Old Business:

Compensation for the Treasurer – Motion was made by Pastor Christina and seconded by Naomi - the compensation for the treasurer will be \$25.00 an hour. Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Naomi and seconded by Pastor Christina that the starting date for this position is June 1, 2026. Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Naomi and seconded by Pastor Christina to give Karla Southworth a one-time stipend of \$500.00 for previous treasurer's work. Motion was approved.

Pastor's MN paid leave premium reimbursement will be tabled until the July meeting.

Fall invaders. Plunketts Exterminating had received a text from a member about certain issues with the products they use and the environment. He came to talk with Pastor Christina about those concerns. Poisoning the mice will not hurt the fox on the property. As far as spraying for the flies they have not done that for 2-3 years. There is an ant treatment annually. They are very cautious and careful to make this a very safe process.

We will be trying Zevo for fly control inside the building. Vicki has been concerned about flies and organ pipes. We will try this instead of fly paper strips as council voted against them in the narthex at the May meeting. Kathy will be picking those up.

New Business:

June 16th a strange smell was reported by the daycare. The odor caused headaches and nausea. Daycare was evacuated. This smell has been checked by many people and professionals. Have not found the cause. Will continue to explore what may be causing the problems. It seemed better the week of our meeting. Also, we received a message from the water company that our meter shows that we are using an unusual amount of water. We will be checking on this issue also. Been a trying couple of weeks here with these two issues.

Picnic table on our property on the Kwik Trip side of Zion's property. Many people use our parking lot to eat their lunch it was a suggestion that we place a picnic table for those people and others to use on our property next to Kwik Trip. Karla will be looking into a garbage can there and checking if Kwik Trip would be willing to empty that. Also, will need to check with our insurance before placing a table there.

Next meeting will be July 21, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Dwellings will be led by Karla

Naomi made motion to adjourn the meeting Cari seconded. Motion was approved.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm
We closed with the Lord's Prayer.