

Zion Council Meeting
May 19, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm by President Tracy

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

Dwellings led by Abby – Quiet Times, Blessing in the Well

Motion made by Cari, seconded by Naomi to approve the meeting agenda. Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Pastor Christina, seconded by Cari to approve the April Council Minutes. Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Cari and seconded by Karla to approve the Council Minutes for May 3, 2026, meeting with the addition of informing the congregation of the congregational meeting also on May 24th. Motion was approved.

Constitutional review. We looked at sections of C12.04, a, b and c on the duties of the council members.

Reports:

Pastor's Report

Pastor Christina continues to visit the 15 homebound members/household once a month.

Pastor Christina let council know she will be using some of her continuing education funds for a First Aid, CPR recertification program. Cost will be \$129.00.

Office Report

God's Work, Our Hands

Music and Worship and additional copyright laws and reporting at Zion

Looking at the need to report on our usage of music and liturgy to the proper licensing agencies. Kristy will begin reporting to One License this summer.

Music used at funerals – Nelson Funeral Home has the proper copyright licenses to play and stream the music for funerals. If they are not used by a family, Pastor Christina will follow through for them with their choices of music and what can be used and what can not be used.

Choir Music and New Wine take care of their licensing.

Facebook will sometimes question our licensing and use of some music. It has been ok as we are not trying to sell our posting. We will put our copyright license on the posting of the recorded service.

This item will be placed in Old Business for our June meeting after checking with Vicki about organ music and further research.

Hunger and Justice Report

Karla will check with Mary about the funds that have been collected.

Apple Fest will again be held on October 4th if there is a good apple harvest.

Synod is not hosting the Bike for Justice ride this year. If anyone in the congregation is interested in this they should contact the Hunger and Justice Committee.

Property

Finance

Working on the US Bank Card authorizations. Pastor Christina now has a card with a monetary limit. Also Karla is still working on Pastor Christina's benefits with Portico to get them correct.

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

Old Business:

1. Changes to treasurer position/treasurer job description. We are on track to have the congregational meeting on May 31st after the service in the sanctuary. Pastor Christina has been announcing the meeting date and how the council has been working on this and some of the reasons for the change in this position.

A question was asked about our web site, as it was discovered that the constitution is no longer posted on the website. Pastor Christina will check into that. Our website is being sold to another company. Kristy will be doing more of the website after that happens and she can be trained to work with the changes that may occur with the new owners of the website.

2. Directory Update. Tracy and Mary Beth continue to work on this. Cari will help with taking pictures. Kristy will be given access in June.
3. Pastor's MN paid leave status. Question was raised if Zion pays the premium? The leave committee established to work on FMLA issues will meet to consider the premium payment. This issue will be tabled until the committee has met, and it is also discussed by the finance committee, and it will be put on the agenda as old business for June meeting. The amount is \$283.00.
4. \$4,500.00 donation. As decided at the April meeting. \$3,000.00 will go to the roof project and \$1,500.00 will go to the sound system. If the sound system does not need the entire amount, then the remainder will go towards the roof project.
5. Fall invaders. Tracy has checked with Plunkett and will check with other companies to see if they offer more environmentally friendly answers to our fly issues. This will be tabled for the June meeting under old business.
6. Need to change June meeting date. Meeting will be held June 23rd at 6:00 pm

New Business:

1. Have been having some late payments happening in the past few months. Karla will continue to investigate this to alleviate the problem.
2. For our information. An agitated individual approached the day care on April 29th and wanted to speak to a church staff member. It was after hours for any staff to be in the office. He wanted to stay in building but was told he could not and he left. The day care has been working on the lock for the door so it can always remain locked. There was no threat to this incident.

3. Paper shredder. Tracy donated a paper shredder that is now in the office.
4. DBA – Name to use should be by Zion Lutheran Church.
Motion was made by Pastor Christina and seconded by Naomi that Karla do the paperwork for the DBA using Zion Lutheran Church as the name on the paperwork. Motion was approved.

Next meeting will be June 23rd at 6:00 pm

Dwellings led by Pastor Christina

Motion was made by Naomi, seconded by Abby to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.