

Zion Council Meeting
July 21, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm by President, Tracy Bockbrader

Present: Tracy Bockbrader, Karla Southworth, Paul Holm, Pastor Christina Johnson, Kathy Blascyk, Cari Terrio-Johnson

Excused Absence, Abby Weix and Naomi Palmquist
Dwelling lead by Karla- Care and the Community

Motion made by Cari and seconded by Paul to approve the meeting agenda. Motion was approved.

Motion made by Pastor Christina and seconded by Cari to approve the June meeting minutes. Motion was approved

Constitution review on section C12.05. responsibilities of church council on property and financial matters

Reports:

Pastor's report- Pastor Christina has completed her CPR and first aid course. She will be signing up for a continuing education opportunity, a trip to Egypt for 2027 as discussed at the June meeting.

The Zevo fly remover system has been put up so fly paper can now come down.

Worship and Music- services are planned for when Pastor Christina will be gone. Six weeks before the November elections Pastor Christina will offer a discussion group on ELCA Social Statement on Civic Life This will be held after Worship.

Would like to have during Stewardship Drive and Ministry Fair, to explain the different ministries here at Zion.

Christian Education- Will host an outdoor service on August 9th. Backpack blessing will be September 13th. Received a thank you letter after the Ken Anderson funeral on how much the family appreciated the indoor play area in the social hall with a \$200.00 donation to be used for the play area.

Treasurer's report. Went over the report by accountant, Muckala & Werhan, PLLC. We have \$32000.00 more in the 6 months in 2026 than the same time in 2025 and 6000.00 less in expenses.

Motion was made by Karla and seconded by Cari that Zion pays the full amount of Pastor Christina's 2026 Paid Leave premium and that for subsequent years Zion will pay 50% of the required annual State premium. The amount is \$283.46. Motion was approved

Motion was made by Paul and seconded by Pastor Christina to approve the reports as presented. Motion was approved.

Old Business:

1. Pastor's MN Paid Leave premium was discussed in Treasurer's report
2. Smell/gas in basement. Once the empty drains were repaired the smell seemed to be gone. If it does return daycare have found a professional who will come to

assess the problem so it can be repaired. We did have a running toilet which has been repaired. All other toilets have been checked out with no other one running. Property Committee will follow up with the water company.

3. Picnic Table by the Kwik Trip entrance. This will be tabled until next spring.

New Business

1. There have been some questions and concerns of our current bookkeeper. It was decided to give Karla time to investigate the issues of concern and give our bookkeeper 3 months to work on those issues. Also, our bookkeeper should be sending us an invoice for his services instead of direct withdrawal. Karla will be in communication with him and then have him meet with the finance committee as it has been a year since he met with the committee.

Motion was made by Pastor Christina for the finance committee to take on the responsibility of evaluating Mike Werhan, C.P.A. services and for establishing a timeline for the issues to be resolved. Second by Paul. Motion was approved

2. The \$200.00 given by the Ken Johnson family for children's corner was discussed in Education report.

3. Tiling South Transept. Without a report by the Property Committee, the council was not aware of tiling the north transept. It did fall in their \$5000.00 repair budget for 2026. They are requesting additional money to complete the south transept. Total cost will be \$5,687.31.

That request was tabled.

Points from our discussion:

- Council has decided that if property committee needs to meet and Pastor Christina is not available a member of the council will attend. Each committee should have a council member on their committee or have Pastor Christina attending to represent the Council
- Kristy will not be able to cut a check for projects until there is approval by the council.
- We will put a donation line on the reimbursement form for anyone who is donating materials etc. This can then be given to Paul Holm to record.
- When work is being done by an outside company or person, the Property Committee needs to have someone in the building where the work is being done. This applies to all committees.
- Committees need to present minutes of their meeting and any voting the committee has done to the council before monies will be approved.
- Pastor Christina will work on procedures for committees as to how to submit work that needs to be done. This will be for any changes to our building.

Property Committee has plans for the potholes to be repaired.

4. A new Water Fountain has not yet been purchased. They need to research what may be some problems with the brick wall and plumbing challenges when putting in a new fountain and if there will be additional expenses. Water Fountain and installation are both donated. The results of this research will need to be presented to the Council.

5. A report on the Visioning Committee meeting to get ready for National Nite Out and some discussion of some of their new ideas. The committee will again be meeting with members of Zion this fall. This will be for dreams and ideas for our future.
6. Winter snow removal. The Council will be looking at the snow removal for this upcoming winter and will check if the person we have now will continue or if we need to find someone else.

Paul made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cari. Motion was approved and meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Next meeting will be August 18th at 6:00 pm
Dwellings will be led by Cari
Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.