

Zion Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 18, 2024

6:30 pm Zoom Meeting

Present: Pastor Marsha, Sue Askeland, Ron Berg, Barb Reck, Bill Nibbelink, Leslie Veit, Kent Smith, Phyllis Chang and Peggy Nelson.

Absent: Steve Panther

Congregation Members: Steve Smith, Frank Scamman, Mike Hovland

- I. **Opening:** Prayer /Pastor Marsha
- II. Minutes: December 14, 2023 Council Meeting/Vote-Passed
- III. Treasurer's Review and Financial Report/Vote-Moved to approve the budget as presented with the understanding that minor updates may be added as the result of year end adjustments to 2023 expenses and income. Passed
- IV. Pastor Marsha's report:
 1. Pastor Marsha will use her continuing ed funds to attend the Lombard training in San Diego.
 2. February 19th will have surgery and will need 6 weeks recovery with no weight on her foot-3 weeks of the time will be during Lent. Will have congregants read the liturgy and speak during Wednesday evening services.
 3. Motion to approve \$45,000 housing allowances for the 2024 year. Motion passed.
 4. Lombard Peace training for the congregation February 10th.
 5. Meg Kiekhafer would like to have a resolution calling for a cease fire in the Palestine/Israel conflict. Council would like to schedule after the Lombard training an e-news blurb and presentation for education and to sign the resolution individually. Social Justice can coordinate and help with this.
- V. A. Website Development Update-will launch January 22nd.
- VI. **Committee Reports**
 - A. Personnel Committee Update/Barb-committee still needs additional member
 - B. Mission Endowment Committee-report included and will do the same process next fall
 - C. Engagement/ Stewardship/Leslie-Mike presented an indepth report to the council to be included in the annual report.
 - D. Constitution Committee/Ron and Pastor Marsha Update-no update
 - E. Pastoral Care Team/Pastor Marsha-with 8 volunteers and Pastor Julie visiting 21 shut-ins.
 - F. Adult Learning Team/ Phyllis-About 60 registered for Feb. 10th Peace training
 - G. Social Justice Team/ Steve-meeting coming up soon.
 - H. Mutual Ministry Team/ Bill-setting a date.
 - I. Children, Youth, Families Ministry Team/ Kent-
 1. Valentine's family activity-February 3rd
 2. Bible School date set for July AM only for preschool and early grade school students.
 3. During Lenten Meal offerings-would like funds to go to support Youth gathering in New Orleans-3 HS students, Melanie Sigafoose and Pastor Marsha
 4. Would like to begin noisy offering again to support youth.
 5. Looking to put together Hurricane care packages-Confirmands and HS students.

- J. Worship Planning: Pastor Marsha, Marlys and Melanie-going well
- K. Property Committee/ Nick /Dan-included
- L. Organ Update/Bill-Vote on January 21st to extend new contract to finish the organ, are working with Patrick to find a few missing organ pieces-may be in boxes or his workshop
- M. Nominating Committee/Steve Panther, Peggy Nelson, Leslie Veit, Mari Eyestone-still need one at large person nominee.
 - A. Social Media Co-Ordinator Position-Motion to pursue hiring a parttime social media coordinator position/passed
 - B. Annual Meeting Plan-need three ballot counters, have one so far
 - C. Future Dates: review
 - January 28th Budget Presentation to Congregation
 - February 4th Congregational Meeting

Closing Prayer
Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,
Peggy Nelson
Council Secretary

Next meeting date: February 15, 2024 (tentative)