

Minutes

Church Council Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Zion Church Council was held on Monday, Jan. 13th, at 6:00 P.M. in Zion's Social room the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present. The following people were present for all or part of the meeting: Mr. Doug Davis, Mr. Bruce McIntosh, Mrs. Linda Kinna-Engel, Mr. Jeff Derr, Mr. Bob Rockwell, Mr. Bob Hetrick, Mr. Darin Gordon, Mr. Clinton Appleby, Mrs. Carolyn Milauskas, Mrs. Deb Reichelt (Treasurer), Pastor Matt Day, Pastor Diane Day, Dr. Sheri Huckleberry and Ms. Donna Huffer. A quorum was met with 13 of 13 members present at the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Agenda items were distributed to council members electronically prior to the meeting. A motion was made to adopt the agenda. There being no discussion, the chair called for the vote. The motion was adopted.

VOTED:

2025-01-1 To adopt the agenda (moved and seconded)

Devotions: Pastor Diane

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. A voice vote was taken, the vote was unanimous.

VOTED:

2025-01-2 To accept the minutes as presented.

The reports of the Treasurer, Executive Committee, Finance Committee, Property Committee and Co-Pastors were received and placed on file. There were no requests for items to be removed. The President called for a motion to accept the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda were adopted.

VOTED:

2025-01-3 To adopt the consent agenda.

Under unfinished business the Council received an update on the Alarm system replacement and heating issues from Mr. Schaffert. He noted that replacement of the Alarm system will require us to initiate a fire watch where there is an hourly sign off by a trained individual for every hour when the building is occupied and the alarm is not fully functional. Vince Bello is leading the charge to educate volunteers and is hosting a

training session on Jan 21st @ 1:30. All council members are encouraged to sign up for the training.

Regarding the boiler issue Mr. Schaffert noted that the Property Committee recommends that the council contact a consultant to determine our heating situation. A consultant was located in Baltimore who has agreed to meet with Larry to determine if the system is functional. It was also noted that abandoning the current system and installing a hot air system is not recommended due to its likely damaging effect on the pipe organ. While the system is functional it was recommended that we need a long-term diagnosis to best evaluate the next steps. He indicated that a mechanical engineer should be hired to design a new system if the current system is nonfunctional.

VOTED:

2024-12-5 To approve the recommendations of the Property Committee to bring in a consultant to evaluate our current heating system and determine if the system is functional.

Also, under new business the council directed the Treasurer to place the funds from Mrs. Janet Young's estate (approximately \$50,000.00) into the building fund to assist in all of the upgrades and repairs needed as of late.

The final item of new business was the appointment of a subcommittee to prepare the slides for the upcoming town hall meetings to be held on Saturday, Jan 25th at 6pm, and Sunday Jan 26th at 10am.. There will be a one-page summary of topics/agenda sent out in addition to the normal announcements on the Friday before these meetings take place. The following council members were appointed to the committee: Mr. Bruce McIntosh, Mr. Jeff Derr Pastors Matt and Diane, Ms. Donna Huffer, and Mr. Ken Bassler. Reminder for Town Hall meetings upcoming leading up to the Annual meeting.

During the Open Forum there were discussions regarding: the 2024 Christmas Eve service. It took the entire community of Zion to make it through December. While it wasn't easy, it became a reminder to all of us that the church is truly not just the building but the people....Through social room services, a wonderful Children's Pageant with guest adult appearances, Christmas caroling, Christmas in the Valley, Wednesday nights in advent and finally being back in the sanctuary for Christmas Eve services, what a blessing and joyous season celebrating the birth of Jesus! Thanks to everyone for all the help in making it all possible. There were also comments from the three outgoing council members and request from the Executive that council members review the draft Child Protection SOP before the next meeting.

The Council President selected Council members to present the *Take 5* items at the next worship services on Sat. January 18th, 2025. and the Sunday services on January 19th, 2025.

The January 2025 meeting of the Church Council adjourned at 8:20 P.M. on Jan. 13th, 2025, following announcements and prayer.

Bruce McIntosh, Secretary