

Minutes

Church Council Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Zion Church Council was held on Monday, Dec. 9th, at 6:30 P.M. in Zion's Conference 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, and Ms. Donna Huffer. Dr. Sheri Huckleberry was excused. A quorum was met with 12 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. The President noted a change to the agenda, adding a discussion of the council's participation in the Advent meals. A motion was made to adopt the amended agenda. There being no discussion, the chair called for the vote. The motion was adopted.

VOTED:

2024-12-1 To adopt the agenda and to permit the President to call for consideration of agenda items in the order the President deems most appropriate. (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:

2024-12-2 to accept the minutes as presented.

The reports of the Treasurer, Executive Committee, Finance Committee, Property Committee, Nominating 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:

2024-12-3 To adopt the consent agenda.

Ms. Donna Huffer provided a report of the subcommittee appointed to determine an appropriate response to Mrs. Judy Turley's comments during the Special

Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 10th. The subcommittee recommended a response regarding ELCA and Synod oversight for congregations. A motion was made and seconded to accept the subcommittee's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTED:

- 2024-12-4** To provide clarification for members regarding ELCA & Synod constitutional oversight and control at the January Town Hall meetings. Council Retreat leadership topics for discussion will include:
- How to expand and grow Zion's welcoming culture
 - Learning about and understanding our fellow worshipers as well as those we encounter outside of Zion every day.

Under unfinished business the recommendations from the Nomination Committee for new Council members for 2025 council were reviewed and approved.

VOTED:

- 2024-12-5** To approve the recommendations of the Nomination Committee for 2025 council membership.

Under new business the council set Dec. 31st as the date for receipt of all reports from Church organizations for the Annual report. Financial data will be summarized after the first of the year and the report will be finalized by January 19th, 2025. The Council also reviewed and approved Zion's membership roster as required by paragraph C8.03 of Zion's constitution.

During the Open Forum there were discussions regarding: fire watch procedures during the replacement of Zion's fire alarm system, preparation for the December 11th Advent dinner, follow-up from Pastor Diane regarding dates that the Lions Club will be using Zion's kitchen and social room, Potluck dinner plans for January's Council meeting, and record keeping procedures for maintaining copies of designated fund letters sent to donors..

The Council President selected Council members to present the *Take 5* items at the next worship services on Sat. December 14th, 2024. and the Sunday services on December 15th, 2024.

The December 2024 meeting of the Church Council adjourned at 7:48 P.M. on Dec. 9th, 2024, following announcements and prayer.

Bruce McIntosh, Secretary