

Minutes

Church Council Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Zion Church Council was held on Monday, Oct. 14th, 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, Dr. Sheri Huckleberry, Mr. Darin Gordon, Mrs. Linda Kinna-Engel, Mr. Jeff Derr, Mr. Bob Rockwell, Mr. Bob Hetrick, Mr. Clinton Appleby, Mrs. Carolyn Milauskas, Mrs. Deb Reichelt (Treasurer), Pastor Matt Day, and Pastor Diane Day, 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. The President noted a change to the agenda, moving the last item of new business (LED light replacement) to the top of the agenda following Devotions. This change was made for the convenience of the presenters (Representatives from *EmPower Maryland*). A motion was made to adopt the amended agenda. There being no discussion, the chair called for the vote. The motion was adopted.

VOTED:

2024-10-1 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 Baker & Lois Ahalt

2024-10-2 A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. A voice vote was taken, the vote was unanimous.

The reports of the Treasurer, Executive Committee, Finance Committee, Property Committee, Mutual Ministry 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:

2024-10-3 To adopt the consent agenda. (moved, seconded)

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

Under new business the council reviewed a presentation and accepted a proposal from EmPower Maryland to replace nearly all the lighting with the church

building and sanctuary with energy efficient LED Lighting. This program is 90% funded by grants from Potomac Edison and is estimated to save the congregation as much as \$20,000 annually in electricity cost. The total cost of the project is 149,278,.90 but we will need to pay \$17,682 and we believe the project could pay for itself in less than 2 years.

The motion passed unanimously following a correction of the **Governing Law** and **Payment** clauses in the contracts.

VOTED:

2024-10-4 accepted a proposal from EmPower Maryland to replace nearly all the lighting with the church building and sanctuary with energy efficient LED Lighting..

The next item of new business was an updated Wedding Policy presented by the pastors. The policy received unanimous approval and will be posted to Zion's Website

VOTED:

2024-10-5 to approve the updated Wedding Policy.

A recommendation from the Property Committee to replace Zion's fire alarm system was postponed due to a delay in receipt of a third bid. This bid is expected to be received in the next few days and due to the emergent situation, this item of business will be reviewed and acted upon by the Executive Committee.

The last two items of business were recommendations from the Finance committee to adopt the 2025 budget proposal and a recommendation regarding designated funds.

The Council reviewed the budget as prepared by the Finance Committee and discussed several changes. A motion presented by the Executive Committee was amended but final approval of the motion was tabled until the November meeting to allow time for Pledge Cards to be turned in.

The council accepted the Finance Committee's recommendation to authorize contacting donors that made contributions over the years to designated funds that are no longer projects of Zion and offer them the opportunity to re-designate their giving towards more current needs.

VOTED:

2024-10-6 to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to give Zion's Treasurer permission to contact doners that made contributions to designated funds that have lost their purpose giving them the opportunity to redesignate the money. Once a procedure has been developed it will be

added to the Financial and Accounting Manual, SOP #8.

During the Open Forum there were discussions regarding the Special Congregational Meeting scheduled for Sunday, November 10th as well as Noisy Offering designation for the month of Oct.

The Council President selected Council members to present the *Take 5* items at the next worship services on Sat. Oct. 19th and the Sunday services Oct. 20th.

The Oct. 2024 meeting of the Church Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on Oct. 14th, 2024, following announcements and prayer.

Bruce McIntosh, Secretary