

APROVED MINUTES OF THE
VOTERS' ASSEMBLY OF ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
January 25, 2009

Pastor Reith opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a devotion from the Book of John. Director Brian Tice conducted the meeting.

There were no new voting members present.

Minutes: Motion by Bill Whitehead and seconded by Bonnie Mauk to accept the minutes of the regular voters' meeting of October 26, 2008. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Hayes presented the treasurer's report. See attached report. Gary announced that he has cleared out the roof repair and maintenance fund to pay down the mortgage on the new facility. There is still approximately \$66,000 available in the General Fund to use for this and other purposes if needed. Gary noted that the preschool income is significantly less than previous years but Karyn Kiefer added that there was still enough to cover the school's expenses. Todd Greenlee asked for clarification of budget needs vs. actual expenses when these are reported in the bulletin.

Board Reports

Campus Ministry: In the absence of Dale Gust, Pastor Reith reported for Campus Ministry that there is a dedicated amount of money to be used for security lighting for CTK.

Education: In the absence of Kyle Camp, Karyn Kiefer reported that a licensing supervisor has been contacted for information as to how the preschool may be approved as an "all-day preschool." There may be a need for early drop-off or extended hours for pickup of students to meet the needs of working parents. Advertising for preschool fall enrollment will be starting soon. Plans are forming for Zion preschool teachers and parents to visit local churches with informational flyers, and perhaps to invite pastors and interested church members for a lunch at Zion to show the facility and the preschool program we offer.

Elders: Bill Ellis reported. There were two transfers out: Ron & Cheryl Guinther to Cass City. There were two peaceful releases: children Clay and Kasey McGillvary who were baptized at Zion but are now going to a different church.

Evangelism: In the absence of Claudia Schimmelmann, Dolores Morford reported that the CTK ad in the newspaper was good.

Family Life: In the absence of Krista Claybaugh, Brandi Bucholz reported that planning is underway for spring activities.

Stewardship: Carrie Appold reported that moving Hurricane Ike Relief to December as the Mission of the Month enabled us to get matching funds from Thrivent for this mission. January Mission of the Month is Lutherans for Life. This mission was on the 2009 list twice; one listing was removed and replaced with Christmas Outreach.

Young Peoples' Work: Ann Hayes reported that plans are underway for the young peoples' conference in Grand Rapids. Cost will be lower because of the closer location.

Thrivent: In the absence of Sherry Camp, Brandi Bucholz reported that the Thrivent House was completed, and thanked the congregation for the help that was provided by Zion to meet our goal.

New Business:

1. Moved by Pastor Reith, seconded by Karyn Kiefer to accept the 2009 District Convention nominations as follows:

Rev. Roosevelt Gray – President

Rev. Steve Starke – Vice President

Rev. Paul Young – Circuit Counselor

Dr. Dale Gust – District Board of Directors

Dr. Gary Hayes – Concordia Ann Arbor Board of Regents

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Moved by Brian Tice, seconded by Wayne Kiefer to release the Phase I Building Committee and to thank them for a job well done. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Brian Tice reported for the sign selection committee. He presented information and options from three vendors who would supply and construct a digital sign identifying Zion Lutheran Church and displaying lighted text messages similar to the one used at CTK. After discussion by the voters it was moved by Wayne Kiefer and seconded by Lynn Laskowsky to authorize the trustees to spend up to \$14,700 on such a sign. The motion was approved unanimously. Brian will be the contact person for subsequent transactions.

4. Nominating Committee: The nominating committee for 2009 will consist of the Directors of the Boards of Zion, the chairman of the congregation and the pastors.

5. Resolution for Relocation of New Facility Funds: Carrie Appold presented a Resolution for Relocation of New Facility Funds. See attached resolution. Resolution moved by Carrie Appold and seconded by Bill Ellis. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Wayne Kiefer discovered that his name was still on a Zion account at Isabella Bank and Trust. He moved that his name be removed since he is no longer financial secretary of the congregation. Seconded by Bill Ellis. Passed unanimously.

7. There was discussion dealing with the need for more light in the driveway and entrance to Zion and also better signage giving directions to the church. Brian will look into the installation of signs on Lincoln and Mission and perhaps Crawford Roads.

8. Mower and Lawn Maintenance: Bill Ellis, reporting for the trustees, presented information on the type of heavy-duty lawn mowing equipment needed for Zion River Road property if we buy a mower and do the mowing ourselves. Decision is required as to the type of engine – diesel or gasoline – and for the kind of mower – tractor or zero-degree mower. Pros and cons were given and discussed. Bill also presented the possibility of hiring a mowing service, described options for types of services provided, and listed several places to inquire for bids. After lengthy discussion, it was moved by Wayne Kiefer and seconded by Tom Prekert that the trustees take bids from several mowing services for one year of service. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitzi Chaffer, acting in the absence of John Schimmelmann