

Zion Lutheran Church  
Voters' Assembly Meeting  
October 23, 2011

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**I. Opening Devotion:** Executive Director Dale Gust called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Thirty-eight of 75 voters attended the meeting. Pastor Reith opened with a brief devotion.

**The Executive Director** reported two items: He was appointed Executive Director (Acting) by the PPC which has as one of its responsibilities to “fill unexpired terms or shortages of personnel by appointment.” The second item reported was on the importance of communications. Every person serving in leadership positions needs to respect the lines of authority relative to making decisions for which they have not been given authority to do. Doing so only creates confusion and dissention of all people concerned. Lines of communication must be improved by all. *(Inserted into the minutes by Dale Gust)*

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

July 24, 2011 (Regular Meeting) Motion by Bill Whitehead and seconded by Robert Chaffer to approve the minutes with the exception of changing the wording to “with a possibility of” in the building updates report. Motion passed.

**III. Reception of New Voters:** Motion by Julie Courtney and supported by Bonnie Mauk to accept Jennifer Geiger into the voters' assembly. Motion passed.

**IV. Treasurer's Report:** Gary Hayes presented the budget. Gary reported that expenses are exceeding revenue and our cash reserve is approximately \$8400.00. Pastor Reith commented that all the boards must work together for the good of the congregation by curtailing unnecessary expenses.

**V. Board Reports**

- A. Board of Elders, Official Acts, Todd Greenlee
  - 1. Infant Baptisms: Sophie Plevinski, Melody Rowley
  - 2. Adult Baptisms and Confirmation: Katherine Dickey, Mi Soung Han
  - 3. Transfers In: Tami Sue Rink – Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran, Bad Axe
  - 4. Transfers Out: Linda Lee Cooper to Center Grove Lutheran, Kannapolis, NC  
Sherry Lynn Cooper to Center Grove Lutheran, Kannapolis, NC  
Bonny Lipka to Trinity Lutheran, Clinton Township, MI  
Erica Error to Faith Lutheran, Green Bay, WI

Service Times:

Thanksgiving Eve, November 23, Wednesday – 4:30 p.m. Zion and 7:30 p.m.,  
CTK

Advent Services – 4:30 p.m. Zion and 7:30 p.m. CTK on November 30, December  
7, 14

CTK 11:45 a.m. service – NO SERVICES on December 18, 25, 31, January 1  
December 18, Sunday – 8:00 a.m. Worship, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible  
Class, and 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Program

Christmas Eve, December 24, Saturday – 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (both at  
Zion)

Christmas Day, December 25, Sunday – 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. (no Sunday  
School)

New Year's Eve, December 31, Saturday – 7:30 p.m. Zion

January 1, 2012, Sunday – 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. (no Sunday School)

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B. Campus Ministry, Jon Goodwin: CTK is now known as Christ The King  
Lutheran Chapel and Student Center. Their board is preparing for a holiday gathering.  
LSF is active and busy.

1. International Ministry, Jon Goodwin: There was a baptism of a  
Korean student, and Korean families are attending services and Sunday School regularly.  
There is a need for an English teacher to teach classes at the chapel.

C. Board of Education: Karyn Kiefer. See attached report.

D. Board of Evangelism, John Schimmelman: See attached report.

E. Board of Family Life, Diane Prekert reported that there were three teams for  
the scavenger hunt today, and that a breakfast brunch is being planned for December 18,  
following the children's Christmas program.

F. Board of Trustees, David Coyne: New soap dispensers have been installed in  
the lavatories. Dent Refuse is now picking up the trash at a savings of almost \$80.00 per  
month.

G. Board of Stewardship, Diane Fleming reported that most of the stewardship  
activity is covered under new business.

H. Young People's Work, Jennifer Geiger said plans are being made regarding  
apple pie preparation. Jennifer asked for volunteers to help with childcare. A sleepover is  
being planned for January 2012

## **VI. Other Reports**

A. Thrivent: JoAnn Gust reported that Thrivent annual meetings are being set  
up. Ask JoAnn about dates for local meetings. JoAnn reported on matching funds  
received by Zion, Zion Preschool, and CTK.

B. Bill Whitehead reported on the pews. A local upholsterer has been contracted  
to do the pews all at one time over a period of a few days. Donations of \$175.00 may be  
made for each pew recovering, providing the donor a plaque with their name(s) on it.

C. Bill Whitehead reported on the progress of the sanctuary construction and said we might make it for Christmas.

D. Capital Campaign Update: Pastor Reith reported that \$329,100 has been collected so far for the sanctuary construction.

E. Pastor Reith reported on the changes in Synod/District Constitution regarding elections, and said that Dale Gust has been our representative, and needs to check his status now that he serves on the District Board and determine if we need to appoint a new delegate.

F. Dale Gust will appoint a financial audit committee.

## **VII. Old Business**

A. No old business.

## **VIII. New Business**

A. Motion by Mitzi Chaffer and supported by Bonnie Mauk to accept the 2012 Mission of the month as presented by the Board of Stewardship. Motion passed.

B. Motion by Diane Fleming and supported by Claudia Schimmelmann to accept the following resolution:

WHEREAS Zion Lutheran Church contributes \$10,000 annually toward budgeted missions, and

WHEREAS Zion Lutheran Church annually contributes \$5000 to the Michigan District, \$2,000 to Missionary Matt Heinze, and \$3,000 to establish endowments at Concordia Seminary-Fort Wayne and Concordia Seminary-St.Louis, and

WHEREAS these endowments have now been fully funded, and

WHEREAS it is the desire of Zion Lutheran Church to standardize its contributions to both the Michigan District and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and

WHEREAS the Michigan District uses a prescribed formula to allocate mission support between the Michigan District and LCMS, therefore be it

RESOLVED that Zion Lutheran Church increase its annual budgeted contribution to the Michigan District to \$8,000. Motion passed.

C. Motion by Diane Fleming and supported by Jan Harless to change locations of dedicated funds from St. Louis to CEF in Ann Arbor. Further motion by Bill Whitehead and supported by Brian Tice to table the motion. Motion to table was passed.

D. Motion by Bonnie Mauk and supported by Linda Coyne to accept the following motion: *The monies received that are specified for the new sanctuary will be used to pay the monthly mortgage payment. Funds received that exceed the monthly mortgage payment will be applied to the principal. If the full amount for the mortgage payment is not received in a month, the additional monies needed for the monthly mortgage will come from the general fund.*

Pastor Reith moved to amend the motion, supported by Tom Prenkert, with the following motion: **The monies received that are specified for the new sanctuary will be used to pay the monthly mortgage payment. Funds received that exceed the monthly mortgage payment will be applied to the principal at the discretion of the voters at a regularly called voters meeting, Additional monies needed for the monthly mortgage will come from the general fund.** The amended motion was passed and the original motion with amendments was passed.

E. Motion by Diane Fleming and supported by Claudia Schimmelman to accept the 2012 budget as presented by Diane Fleming. Pastor Reith introduced a motion, supported by Wayne Kiefer, to amend the budget by freezing wages to 2011 level. Pastor Reith accepted a “friendly” amendment from the seconder to understand “wages” as those included under the classification of BOARD OF ELDERS. The amended motion was passed and the original motion with amendments was passed.

F. Motion by Brian Tice and supported by Bonnie Mauk to change the date of the January 2012, voters’ assembly meeting from January 22, 2012 to January 15, 2012. Motion passed.

**IX. Closing:** Meeting adjourned with a blessing by Pastor Bakker at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

John Schimmelman  
Secretary to the Voters’ Assembly