

Zion Lutheran Church
Hummelstown, Pennsylvania
CHURCH COUNCIL

Regular Congregation Council Meeting
June 18, 2009

Regular Council Meeting:

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| John Alwine | Pastor Darlis Swan |
| Lynn Danilowicz | Diaconal Minister Marsha Roscoe |
| LuAnn Doyle | Bonnie Rudi, Pres. |
| Chris Ehmann | Michael Good, Sec. |
| Liz Joyce | Nancy Hartman, Finance |
| Don Sheaffer | Property Committee |
| Charles Will | |

Excused Absence:

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| Lori Beaver | Jill Kiessling |
| Ed Engle | Greg Seitz |
| Deb Kepner | Dave Sonner |

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Congregation Council President Bonnie Rudi.

The meeting was then reconvened outside to the Bell Tower for a presentation by Ken Saul Sr., and Ken Saul, Jr., of Saul Restoration. They informed Council that they found some brownstone matching the original used on the tower at the stone company on the intersection of Routes 22 and 39. They said they will buy it and use it on the project at no extra cost. It was then explained why some of the rock is deteriorating quicker than others. Much of the interior masonry is wearing away largely due to water leakage. There are cracks traveling up through the stone. Council members were then given the opportunity to go up the ladder to observe the damage first – hand. A scupper box will be installed to aid in drainage in the tower.

The meeting moved back inside where the Saul's gave a power point presentation to give an overall view of what has been done so far. The pressure wash has been partially completed, forty-five pocket stones have been replaced, put in newly made key and cornerstone elements, cleared debris and put in fresh stones, and applied historic lime mortar. There are structural cracks in the lentil stones in the northeast corner that must be replaced.

Adoption of Agenda:

The agenda was presented for approval by Council President Bonnie Rudi. It was approved and presented.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the last Special Congregation Budgeted Meeting dated May 3, 2009, were presented for approval by Council Secretary Michael Good. They were approved as presented.

Communications:

There was a letter from Synod thanking Zion for the contribution of \$32,000.

Senior Pastor's Report:

No report given.

Diaconal Minister's Report:

No report given.

Youth Report:

There was no report given.

Treasurer's Report:

Nancy Hartman reported that giving for the month of May was around \$33,000 about \$1,800 behind budget for the month (\$15,000 behind for the year). Interest and dividends for the year are \$1,800. Expenditures are over by \$12,000, but \$11,000 was paid by the Preschool, so we're almost even. Some pension issues with Dr. Wenrich are being negotiated. Spending is being kept under budget in most areas. Year to date we're about \$3,200 behind. \$155,000 has been spent on the steeple project so far. There was a motion made by Chris Ehman to give regular updates to the congregation on the steeple project, especially about financial implications. It was seconded by Luann Doyle and approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance:

A written report dated May 2009, was submitted by Nancy Hartman and Rich Weiss. No council action was required.

Personnel Committee:

There was no report given.

Mutual Ministry:

There was no report given.

Christian Education:

Zion Preschool submitted a written report dated June 7, 2009. In the report Bonnie Rudi noted that enrollment is running ahead of last year. The giving tree is working well, and several changes are being made to the handbook. No Council action was required.

Property:

A report on the Bell Tower Restoration was given by the Saul Restoration owners.
No Council action was required.

Social Ministry:

No meeting was held.

Partners With Christ:

No report given.

Stewardship:

A written report dated June 2009, as submitted by Chris Ehman. Much of the report was about the plans being made for the 2009 Reaffirmation program. No Council action was required.

Worship and Music:

No report was given.

Activities:

No report was given.

Strategic Properties Committee:

No report given.

Old Business:

- *The sale of the property at 105 W. Main Street is being advertised publicly.
- *The insurance situation is still being worked on.

New Business:

- *We must find alternatives to using Styrofoam to go along with our “green” effort.
- *Letters need to be sent out to those who have not communed or contributed in the recent past.
- *Greg Neuhauser is not taking classed at Seminary at the present.
- *A Congregation Profile must be done, as well as a Call Committee formed. The Congregation must be kept informed about the Call Process.
- *There will be a September Staff/Council Retreat.

The motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Will, and seconded by Chris Ehmann.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Good
Secretary