

Zion Lutheran Church
Hummelstown, Pennsylvania
CHURCH COUNCIL

Regular Congregation Council Meeting
November 19, 2009

Regular Council Meeting:

John Alwine	Charles Will
Lynn Danilowicz	Pastor Darlis Swan
LuAnn Doyle	Bonnie Rudi, Pres.
Chris Ehmann	Lori Beaver, V. Pres.
Liz Joyce	Michael Good, Sec.
Deb Kepner	Nancy Hartman, Finance
Jill Kiessling	Taylor Wamsher, Youth Rep.
Don Sheaffer	

Excused Absence:

Ed Engle	David Sonner
Deb Kepner	Deacon Marsha Roscoe
Greg Seitz	

Call to Order:

The Regular Congregation Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President Bonnie Rudi.

Devotions and Prayer Concerns:

The Meeting was opened by Pastor Swan.

Adoption of Agenda:

The agenda was presented for inspection by Council President Bonnie Rudi. It was approved as submitted.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the last Regular Congregation Council Meeting dated October 19, 2009, and the combined Council/Call Committee dated November 5, 2009, were submitted by Secretary Michael Good. They were approved.

Communications:

The Council Secretary reported there were no Communications.

Senior Pastor's Report:
Interim Senior Pastor

Name: Darlis J. Swan

Date: October 16 to November 19, 2009

Highlights and Concerns:

- Thanksgiving for the opportunity to preside at the Eucharist each Sunday – (I will always remember the liturgy with ZYG at the farm!)
- Concern for Zion's members and visitors who need handicap access
- Dedication of all those who serve faithfully in leadership roles at Zion
- Gratitude for all Zion's members and their care and compassion for others – especially the response to requests for help
- The appreciation for Word and sacrament and how that defines Zion's mission

Pastoral Contacts:

Hospital Calls 7
Home Calls 11
Office Appointments 14

Pastoral Acts:

Teaching ZYG Worship 10/18
Preside at Worship 15
Preach 8
Baptisms 2
Chase Tyler DeHart 11/8; Evelyn Joan McCrellis Bittle 11/8

Wedding rehearsals 1 Eric Carter and Jenifer Lehmier 11/13
Weddings 1 Eric Carter and Jenifer Lehmier 11/14
Funerals

Administrative Acts:

Meetings Attended 19

Churchwide Involvement:

Lower Susquehanna Synod – Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations
Committee (Chair) – 11/02
LARC Day of Dialogue on the “Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification”
10/26
LARC Luncheon and Ecumenical Officers Meeting – 11/12
Lower Susquehanna Synod – Worship and Music Committee – 11/19

Diaconal Minister's Report:

Name: Marsha Roscoe

Dates: Oct 15 – Nov 18

Highlights and Concerns:

- Enjoyed working with the Council and Call Committee on the senior pastor profile. Felt a sense of community and a clear understanding of the leader we are looking to call.
- Continue to be overwhelmed by the generous support of this congregation. This week we shipped "Thanksgiving" Boxes to our military members deployed. It was such a wonderful extension of Zion to see these boxes filled with so many things.
- Beginning to prepare for the Season of Advent beginning November 29th.

Pastoral Contacts:

Hospital Calls	2
Home Calls	0
Office Appts.	12

Deacon Acts:

Teaching	4
Preach	1 (11/15)
Weddings rehearsals	0
Weddings (as coordinator)	0
Serve as Deacon at Funerals	1 (Mary Kling)
Serve as Deacon at Baptisms	2 (Bittle, DeHart)

Administrative Acts:

Meetings Attended	11
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Churchwide Involvement:

- Continue to serve as counselor to six Cub/Boy scouts to help them achieve their "God & Country" badges. Anticipate work to be completed the first week of December.

Youth Report:

Youth Representative, Taylor Wamsher, reported that the balance of the Youth Group account is \$5420.06. She also stated that at the recent meeting there was a discussion on "depression", and how to deal with it. There was a sleepover in November, and the Senior High Retreat will be December 4-6. There is also a sale of Theo's Products.

Treasurer's Report:

Nancy Hartman of the Finance Committee reported that giving for September was \$27,000, \$8,000 behind for the month. This is largely due to a decline in

attendance – 12% for the year. Interest and dividends are slightly behind budget. If attendance does not improve we will probably finish the year behind budget.

COMMITTEES:

Finance:

A written report dated October 31, 2009, was submitted by Nancy Hartman and Richard Weiss. Discussion was held about the possibility of moving the Annual Congregational Meeting to January to help with the budget process. However, this would require a change in Zion's constitution. No Council action was required.

Evangelism:

Minutes of the October meeting were submitted. It was reported that the Advent Event will be held on November 29th, and will include crafts, devotions, and lunch. No Council action was required.

Personnel:

No meeting was held, but it was reported that Linda Sonner was approved as Wedding Coordinator.

Mutual Ministry:

It was reported that the job descriptions are nearly complete. No Council action was required.

Christian Education:

The minutes of the October meeting were submitted by Jill Kiessling. No Council action was required. Preschool Committee held no meeting.

Property:

Charles Will reported that there is still no resolution on the repair of the cemetery wall. Also, a storage area is needed for ladders and other equipment. The committee would like to purchase a storage shed that is 8 feet by 20 feet (estimated cost – just over \$2800.00). It would be placed on Zion's Rosanna Street property.

The copper rainspout around the bell tower must be installed. Dennis Thomas has offered to take a nonpaid week off from work to do the job. This will save Zion about \$1,000.00. A motion was made by Charles Will to give Dennis Thomas a \$500.00 gift. The motion was seconded by Jill Kiessling, and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Social Ministry:

Minutes of the November 1, 2009 meeting were submitted by Michael Good. In it he stated that over 3,100 food items were donated by the Lower Dauphin Middle School, the Glove Tree is in the Sanctuary and 16 pairs of gloves were donated on the first day of the annual "Glove Drive", over \$2,200 were collected for the Crop Walk, and the ELCA Barnyard will start on November 29th and run through Advent. No Council action was needed.

Partners With Christ:

Don Sheaffer reported that blankets and other health items were taken up to the clinic.

Stewardship:

No meeting was held.

Worship and Music:

John Alwine reported that the Committee's proposed 2010 budget has been submitted. No Council action was required.

Activities:

Minutes of the November meeting were submitted by LuAnn Doyle. It stated that upcoming events include the bus trip to New York City and tickets for a Hershey Bears hockey game. No Council action was required.

Strategic Properties Committee:

The president of the Hummelstown Area Historical Society contacted Zion about opening dialogue for the sale of the Parish House. Council is still interested in pursuing the sale. The price is the only point in question. The motion was made by LuAnn Doyle and seconded by Chris Ehmann that the Strategic Properties Committee should be given permission to negotiate with the Hummelstown Area Historical Society for the sale of the Parish House. Unanimous approval was voiced to the motion.

Zion Cares:

No report was given.

Old Business:

-Church Mutual Insurance Company can provide \$25,000 worth of coverage for anyone in the church authorized to pay bills at a cost of less than \$100.00 per year. Other estimates will also be sought.

-The Ministry Site Profile is completed and is on the ELCA website.

-Council was urged to consider Zion's financial commitment to Synod for the coming year.

-Work will begin next month on the 2010 budget.

New Business:

-A car accidentally hit some headstones in the cemetery. The woman driving said her accelerator got stuck. Assessment for the repairs is being done.

-A handout from Synod was given to members of Council. There were changes to the Model Constitution for Congregations adopted at Minneapolis by the 2009 Churchwide Assembly. There were some additions, some subtractions.

-The people who are signing checks for Zion are the ones who will sign papers for the Schwab accounts. They are Lynn Knepp, Rich Weiss, and if necessary, Bonnie Rudi.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM Council then stood and prayed together The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Good
Secretary