

Zion Lutheran Voters Meeting
Tuesday August 3rd, 2010 7:00 pm Church Sanctuary

- I. Opening Prayer/Devotion – Pastor Comments
- II. Chairman’s Report
 - A. Nominating Committee Participants
 - B. Great Things Happening.
- III. Secretary’s Report
- IV. Board Reports
 - A. Elders
 - B. Board of Day School
 - C. Board of Evangelism
 - D. Board of Youth
 - E. Board of Parish Education
 - F. Board of Trustees
 - G. Board of Stewardship
- V. Treasurers Report
- VI. Pastor’s Report
- VII. Vicar’s Report
- VIII. Principal’s Report

- IX. Old Business
 - **Dinner Auction 2011 Update**
 - **Church Photo Directory Update**
- X. New Business

- XI. Voting
 - **VOTE: Transfers Out: Misty and Whitney Dyckman to Trinity Edwardsville;**
 - **VOTE: Transfer in: Darlene Barr, from Bloomington IL**
 - **VOTE: Spend Up to \$18,000 from Joe Monti fund for Playground at Zion**
 - **VOTE: Cooks Contracts for School**
 - **VOTE: Reformation Sunday October 31st. ONE service for entire weekend @ 10:30 am. Have a Potluck Brunch Thereafter**
 - **VOTE: Ameren Contract for Outside Vendor to Supply Power**

- XII. Adjournment

PASTORS REPORT

June and July were fairly laid back months with school being on summer break. Mr. Manning and I attended the National Lutheran Schools Association Funding Academy for three days in Carlinville.

There was much discussion about managing school finances, ways to strive for excellence, and much more. I found it very beneficial, especially as I begin working with Mr. Manning to support his leadership in our day school. He will be sharing insights learned at the workshop with the school board and the congregation in the months ahead.

With that start of a new school year around the corner, Mr. Manning and I will be meeting to make plans for 7th/8th grade confirmation classes, memory work curriculum, and school chapel scheduling. I am excited about the upcoming year.

In July I attended two Higher Things Youth Conferences, one in Logan, Utah and the other in Nashville, Tennessee. I currently serve in the position of secretary on the Board of Directors of Higher Things. HT will hold three conferences next summer (Bloomington, IL, Las Vegas, NV, and Atlanta, GA). Having a youth conference only a couple hours away is an excellent opportunity for our youth at Zion to participate. I fully intend to take a group of high school youth to next summer's conference. With that in mind, I'd like to take a more active role in working with our youth this next year. I approach youth ministry the way Higher Things does, focusing on the three W's: Worship, Work (catechesis), and Fun.

I have plans to task the new vicar to work with the evangelism board to promote more fellowship opportunities within the congregation. This is a need we recognized back in January at our strategic planning meeting. In fact, fellowship is a major part of our mission statement at Zion. I would like to see us increase our congregational fellowship tremendously. I would also like to task our evangelism board with looking into opportunities for mission trips and other areas of service in which various Zion folks could participate.

Other things that are on my agenda for fall: 1) move public school confirmation to Sunday evenings, 2) revive the choir at Zion (and make more use of Zion's musicians in general!), 3) plan for one festival Reformation service to be held at Zion on Sunday, October 31 @ 10:30am (per voter approval), 4) work with the stewardship board to plan for consecration Sunday and to implement a program to evaluate all areas of our congregational and personal stewardship at Zion.

Elder's Report

Vicar's report – Busy preparing for the Henke funeral Friday, etc. Vicar Beltz is returning to the Seminary soon. He encouraged us to do good works, continue to lead the church and mentioned that we have a great Pastor.

Pastor's report – Pastor Fritsche is on vacation July 12-22.

Parochial report - See attached.

Misty and Whitney (Johnson) Dyckman desire to transfer out to Trinity Edwardsville. Motion by Dean, second by Larry, motion carried.

Darlene Barr desires to transfer in from Bloomington, IL. Motion by Marvin, second by Larry, motion carried.

Old business – Addressed as new business.

New business – Barry will work with the office staff to print cards for the elders to mail to all of their assigned members.

Vicar Beltz asked about his moving expenses. No formal action but the receipts can be submitted to Pastor for approval and paid. The expected total is \$200-300.

It was discussed that visitors should talk with an elder or Pastor before communing at Zion. This is noted in the bulletin and elsewhere and is difficult to police, but the elder on duty should be aware of visitors.

Board of Day School

- David Manning installed as Zion's Principal for 2010/2011, during July 11th 10:30 am worship service.
- Card's Game update - \$4,168 Deposits, Net \$1,008 earmarked for Athletic Fund (boys

basketball uniforms)

- Curriculum for the 2010/2011 has been reviewed and new Science textbooks will be purchase for the middle grades.
- Teachers and classroom assignments have been made. Second floor will be utilized for K-8 classes. Third floor will be utilized as computer lab, special purpose, centralized library, group reading, and future expansion.
- Student Handbook is currently being revised.
- The Adopt a Student Program is still available to Zion members.
- The Friends of Zion Program is in its infancy stages.
- Need candidates to replace Board resignation of Rick Prichett.

Trustees Report

1. Work Day – July 10, 2010
 - a. Trustees present: Dave Dittmaier, Jered Carlen, Don Will, Dave Wells, Steve Goodman
 - b. Work Completed:
 - i. Replaced all lights in church
 - ii. Handrails at church sanded and prep'd for staining
 - iii. School sprayed for bugs
 - iv. Weeds Sprayed
 - v. Rocks in front of church removed and new dirt spread
 - vi. Trees around school and church trimmed
2. Projects Completed:
 - a. Pastor bathroom
 - i. New walls, flooring under tub replaced shower installed, sink and vanity, electrical, drywall, flooring
 - ii. Donations: \$2,000 from Men's Club and \$5,000 from Ladies Aid
 - b. Pastor front step railing → Roger Ashley repaired
 - c. Shrubs around church trimmed → THANKS Ivan!!
 - d. Brick mason completed work around church/school → THANKS Dave D. for organizing

- e. Pastor's garage door → Dependable Door came, adjusted railing, springs, pulley, and greased what needed to be greased (awaiting bill)
 - f. Pastor's A/C repaired
3. Projects to be Scheduled:
- a. School
 - i. 7/8 grade classroom
 - 1. Install sink
 - 2. Investigate and fix ceiling leak
 - b. Church
 - i. Railing for Organ Balcony → anonymous donor has provided the funds, railing has arrived. Church members are constructing brackets to install
 - c. Teacherage
 - i. Upstairs bathroom remodel:
 - 1. Ladies Aid have donated an addtl \$5,000 towards this project
 - 2. Need an addtl \$1-2K so work can begin
 - ii. Need to schedule a cleaning day and carpet cleaning before Principal Manning moves in
4. Outstanding Issues:
- a. Asbestos training for school → email sent to Safety Partners and David Manning 7/20/10
 - b. Strip and Wax floors in School
 - i. Received a bid from ADDCO in St. Louis for \$7,000 to do the entire school
 - ii. Jered Carlen has volunteered time to strip and wax floors, anybody willing to help would be greatly appreciated.
 - 1. Plan of Attack: Classrooms and hallways first, then the rest of school
 - c. Order and install computerized time clock for Janitor
 - d. Setup standard order process for Janitorial supplies
 - e. Setup program for borrowing/renting tables and chairs for church members

- 5. New Business:
 - a. Water entering School Foyer after heavy rains, by the lower window
 - i. Gutters cleaned again
 - ii. Removed trim and discovered wood for window support is rotted throughout
 - iii. Dug rocks away from windows
 - iv. Need to investigate leaks when it rains, discussing repair options and long term fix
 - b. Playground
 - i. Wooden playset is unsafe and will be torn down before school starts
 - ii. Proposal to Voters to allocate no more than \$18,000 from Joe Monti fund to construct a permanent commercial grade playground structure, dedicated in memory of Joe Monti
 - iii. See provided documentation and specifications on playground options
- 6. **Trustee's with ongoing responsibilities:**
 - a. Don Will
 - i. Wash and Dry mops, ongoing
 - b. Dave D.
 - i. Change all air filters, ongoing
 - ii. Change water filter, ongoing
 - c. Jered
 - i. Paying bills and balancing books
- 7. **Need Voter Approval:**
 - a. Allocate no more than \$18,000 from Joe Monti fund to construct a new permanent commercial grade playground that will be donated in memory of Joe Monti

Board of Stewardship

- Been closely watching the financial situation in the summer months where historically income has decreased. We are approaching \$20K in unpaid bills. Will review at meeting.
- Majority time in the past three months has been reviewing the 2009 Audit Report prepared by Dean Schulmeister, Dennis Yarnik and Don Brunnworth. Jeanne Cooper attended a School Board meeting

and gave copies to the members for review. We discussed items on the report and how to act on the recommendations by the Audit Committee.

- Another item being reviewed by the Stewardship Committee is a fixed rate electricity bill. This item is still under review but looks like we could actually save money on a fixed rate bill.
- Consecration Weekend is approaching and discussions with Pastor are forthcoming. No firm date has been set.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- First day of school is August 23rd
- I will be writing a welcome letter to families and to the church that will go out to families the first week of August along with other related materials
- I attended a funding academy with pastor that shed new light on church and school finance and funding. I look forward to sharing the information with the various boards and committees throughout the year as we begin to plan for the 2011-12.
- State Recognition!!! This year we are up for a state recognition audit and visit. Our last visit was in 2004. These visits are very important as they allow our school to participate in some state funding initiatives and for our upper level students to receive credits for some courses taken at the junior high level. Needless to say this will be high on the priority list for the 2010-11 school year.
- Staff will participate in the Day of Spiritual Renewal scheduled for August 10th and hosted by Unity School. This is presented by the Southern Illinois District.
- The following are our enrollment numbers for the fall. (Note: only registrants who have filled out registration paperwork and paid fees are included in these numbers)
 - PK - 20 (Full) 20
 - K 7 7
 - 1 8

• 2	9		
	1. 1&2 Total	-	17
• 3	3		
• 4	5		
	1. 3&4 Total	-	8
• 5	4		
• 6	5		
	1. 5&6 Total	-	9
• 7	9		
• 8	5		
	1. 7&8 Total	-	14

Board of Parish Education

Marlene will be attending the Children's Ministry Conference in Warsaw, WI. August 12th – 13th. She has signed up for some classes and hopes to bring back some great tools to help add to our Sunday School program. \$90 from the Sunday school account will pay for the classes. Marlene is not requesting any form of reimbursement for her travel there and back.

The summer Sunday School program is quickly coming to an end. Unfortunately attendance has been extremely low. Marlene, Angie and Heather have been covering the classes with Lisa and Krissy helping out the month of August. **Rally Day is scheduled for August 29, 2010 with games, bible trivia, juice and donuts being planned.**

The fall supplies have been ordered but have yet to arrive. Marlene will look into the shipment date. With enrollment so low for Sunday School we have decided to combine Pre-School with Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd & 3rd grade, 4th, 5th & 6th grade and keeping 7th and 8th grade separate. We are in need of teachers for the fall / winter. Daryl and Lisa Coan have volunteered to teach 7th and 8th grade. A complete list of teachers as well as substitutes is being worked on.

Board of Evangelism

The Zion Homecoming had great success. 300 people attended the outdoor service, good food, and music.