

The church council met on Monday February 5, 2018. The following is a report of that meeting.

Board of Education: The Zion Lutheran Church Early Childhood Endowment Fund has almost \$22,000. Paperwork is nearly complete and transfer of those funds to the Community Foundation will occur soon. The Community Foundation will then manage these funds. Enrollment for next year has started. The school children will sing at the 10:30 service on Palm Sunday.

Board of Stewardship and Spiritual Life: Midweek will be on February 13 and have a Mardi Gras theme.

Board of Trustees: The trustees are working on several projects which include the bell tower doors, additional cabinets for storage in the church basement, plumbing needs in the school, and new lighting in the school. The council approved the installation of the first phase of the lighting project for the school. Mrs. Wigle's classroom will be the first room for the light installation.

Board of Evangelism and Worship: Refreshments and fellowship after Lenten services have been scheduled.

Bylaws committee: Scott Larsen reported on the progress of the bylaws committee. The committee is currently thinking of splitting the Board of Evangelism and Worship into a Board of Evangelism and a Board of Worship. The Board of Stewardship and Spiritual Life will also be split into a Board of Stewardship and a Board of Spiritual Life.

The Board of Deacons reported two official acts.

Pastor reported that Ash Wednesday service and the rest of the Lenten services start at 7 pm. Easter services will be 7 am and 10:30 am.

A request was made to allow bingo and raffles as fundraisers for our church and school. In the past these activities violated the unwritten code of conduct and ethics of our congregation. Over time our unwritten code changes as we adapt and adjust to the world around us. Examples of this include women sitting on one side of the church and men sitting on the other side during services, our dress codes for both men and women have changed and are now less formal than in the past. In order for our congregation to know if our unwritten code concerning bingo and raffles has changed, we will discuss and vote on this issue at the March voters meeting. Whatever the outcome of the vote, we are a church family and as such, we need to abide and support the wishes of the majority of our members.

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