

The church council met on Tuesday September 5 and the following is a report of that meeting.

Treasurer/Financial Secretary: \$8424.63 was transferred from the general account to the multi-purpose building fund. This money was borrowed from the multi-purpose building fund over the past few years to pay for large building and maintenance projects. God has truly blessed our congregation as evidenced by the financial giving of our members.

Board of Education: The employee handbook prepared by the board was approved by the council. An early drop off of students before school program is successful. Open house will be in September. The playground has been open for the community to use and enjoy. Recently the playground equipment has been abused, trash has been strewn over the playground, and pet owners have not been cleaning up after their pets. The council approved locking all entrances with the exception of the walk through gate at the front of the school building. The plan is to put the key for the drive through gate on the key hook at the church basement door so our members can have access to the parking lot when needed.

Board of Stewardship and Spiritual Life: The treasurer's books have been audited and no issues were found. Midweek will be next Tuesday. The copier contract was reviewed when the service company brought to our attention that we were using more color copies than the contract specified. Staff will do what they can to not use color and the new contract may be adjusted when the current contract expires. During the budget process, miscommunication occurred and school staff was not included for a salary increase. The board recommended a 2% raise and felt that increase can be made with current budget totals. The council approved the salary increase.

Board of Trustees: The board has nothing major to report. Several small maintenance projects have been completed.

Board of Evangelism and Worship: Servant scheduling continues. Trunk or Treat is in the planning stage.

Board of Deacons: No official acts for this month. The board will use designated memorial money to purchase several tape players to distribute to our shut-ins so they can listen to our morning worship services. The board will continue to look at current technology to determine what technology will best suit our needs for continuing the tape ministry program.

Pastor's report: Confirmation class is starting. Zion is sponsoring a movie night for a movie about Martin Luther. The showing is October 9 and we need a minimum of 100 tickets purchased for the showing. Tickets are ordered online and you will not be charged for the tickets if we do not meet the minimum 100 ticket sales. This is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Let's celebrate this anniversary by watching a movie about the life of Martin Luther. A pictorial directory is in the works. Look for information on scheduling a photo time for your family.

President's report: The bylaws committee held its first meeting and will look at our bylaws to see if updating is necessary. Members of this committee are Scott Larson, chairman, Megan Gottman, Abby Whiston, Pam Behring, Randi Thornton, Kent Bross, Danny Gottman, and Rex Pflantz. If you have thoughts on improving our bylaws please visit with one of the committee members about your thoughts.

Communication is key to a healthy congregation.

Rex Pflantz, President