

ZION BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The Board met on Tuesday evening, September 11, 2012 with 6 of 8 members present, plus the Youth Director. One member of the congregation was present to observe. The Board did not receive any motions to act on, but did receive numerous reports and discussed several topics, as summarized below:

*Heard a report by Head Elder David Benckert on the Pastoral Search Committee. The committee had its initial meeting September 6, led by Regional Minister Lee Parker who explained the process of searching for and calling a minister. The Committee will meet frequently and keep the congregation updated on its progress. The process of reviewing and considering candidates will have to be confidential. The first steps for the committee will be to complete a church profile and have the congregation provide input through a questionnaire.

*Received an update from Youth Director Bobbie Riggan that much has been done to prepare for Zion's fall youth programs. New study materials have been prepared for use by the youth leaders and teachers for Wednesday Recharge (which starts Sept. 12) and for Sunday School. It was noted that the Property & Stewardship Committee has approved the use of Joan Daniels' old office as a space for the teenagers to meet.

*Was informed by Treasurer David Benckert that for the church year ending June 30, 2012, Zion had a total income of \$85,000 and expenses of \$96,000, for a deficit of \$11,000. This deficit was covered by operating reserves from previous years. It was also noted that for the first two months of the current church year (July and August) the average weekly offering has been \$1,278 while the budget is based on a weekly offering of \$1,365, which means we have experienced a budget shortfall of approximately \$87 per week so far.

*Discussed the importance for all committees to communicate planned activities using all available channels. Most importantly, new Webmaster Linda Holt needs to be informed so she can keep the website current; Pam Steele needs to be informed so she can include information in the weekly bulletin; and Joan Sasser needs information to include in the newsletter. Shirley Mills also provided contact information on other communication outlets to be used, including several newspapers and websites.

*Determined that the Evangelism & Outreach and Worship & Education Committees (and possibly other committees) will work together to identify and implement new ways to make Zion more "visitor friendly". One specific idea discussed was to prepare a brochure that provides an overview of all Sunday School classes.

*Heard reports from each committee on numerous activities and projects that are planned for the weeks and months ahead, including concerts, dinners, youth events, cantatas, movies, etc.

*Learned that the Elders will meet in early October, and at that meeting will plan to address the interim pastor situation while the search for a permanent minister continues, since Dan Stevens has only committed to serve until November 11.

*Decided that Head Deacon Nancy Nichols should convene a meeting of the Deacons soon to review the procedures for serving communion and collecting the offering with only two Deacons.

The next Board meeting will be Nov. 20, 7 p.m., with Bobbie Riggan hosting at her home. The meeting is open to any member of the congregation who would like to attend and observe.

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Respectfully submitted,
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