ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
September 14, 2026

ATTENDANCE: President Andrew Taake, Vice President Joshua Seidlitz, Secretary Nancy Glaeser, Assistant Treasurer Connie DeRousse, Kurt Tegtmeier, Jeri Arnold, Bob Timmer, Gabby Holmes, Office Administrator Amanda Frierdich and Pastor Darrell Weber. Andrew called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and Pastor Darrell gave an opening prayer.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Amanda emailed the Treasurer's Report out for review. Amanda explained the reports. Offering is currently down a little so Amanda asked for direction on how to cover some upcoming expenses. This includes about $6000 in payroll and regular expenses as well as $18,000 for insurance premiums. Connie made a motion to close the General Donations Fund that had a balance of $25,000 to use to cover these expenses. Josh 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

After reviewing the reports, Gabby moved that we accept the reports as presented and Kurt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Amanda also explained the new entries in the Missions Report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The August 2026 minutes were emailed out for review by Council. Motion was made by Gabby to approve the minutes as and seconded by Connie. Motion carried.

BCE REPORT: Pastor reported that 21 children attended Sunday School on Rally Sunday which is our highest number since COVID. The BCE will be meeting the 1st Monday of the month and will help with the transition to the Interim or new Pastor.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor distributed a report for his activities for the previous month and upcoming events to Council members. He continues to lead Bible Studies at Garden Place on Thursdays. Pastor said he plans to continue this service after he retires. He continues to be involved with the EA as changes in leadership occur. He attended a Pastor's gathering at Eden EA Church in Edwardsville, IL on 8/13/26 and an EA Ordination Examination of Pastor Dean Klossner at St. Peter's Church in Morrison MO on 9/12/26. Pastor reported that the church workday was a great success. Thank you to all who participated. Pastor will be camping the weekend of October 16-18 and Pastor Franke will cover the service that Sunday. Gabby motioned to accept the report as given and Josh seconded the motion. Motion passed.

AUDIT/ BUDGET: (Connie) The next audit will be performed in January.

LONG RANGE MINISTRY: (Andrew) Andrew reported that "Jam in the Park" is planned for September 20th. Weather could be a factor. Polka Sunday is scheduled for October 11th. Plans are also underway to host a "Movie Night" in the park on Friday, September 25th. Families are

invited and encouraged to bring a friend. They just need to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets as well as their own beverages. Council will be providing Chili and hot dogs. Side dishes and desserts would be appreciated. We discussed a possible family bowling night in November.

OUTREACH: (Jeri) Jeri reported that the Missions/Outreach committee met on 8/31 with an upcoming meeting scheduled for 9/28. Discussions revolve around preparation and transition for a new Pastor and how some responsibilities will be covered if there is a period of time with an Interim Pastor. One current mission, Wycliffe Bible Translators, will be discontinued and replaced with All God's Children.

STAFF/PARRISH RELATIONS: (Andrew) Andrew will be meeting with Dean, our custodian, to come up with a list of tasks performed on a weekly basis and see if anything needs to be added.

PROPERTY: (Josh) The playground was purchased and installed by the Z Team. A huge thank you for their generosity!

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY: Volunteers are needed for Council, Audit and BCE.

WORSHIP & MUSIC: (Gabby) Shirley Guebert will be added to our organist list.

CEMETERY: (Kurt) Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Search committee is meeting next Monday. There was one applicant that was not suitable so the search process continues. Pastor is providing the search committee with additional contacts. It has been suggested that we enter into a contract with the Interim Pastor, Rick Mortimer.

The BBQ that was scheduled for September 19th will be postponed until October 3rd, 11:00-2:00 pm. The menu consists of pork steaks, brats, potato salad, slaw and beans. We are seeking bake sale donations for the event.

There is a possibility that the new projector will be installed this week.

NEW BUSINESS: Pastor informed us that Stacie Grootenboer contacted him with a heavy heart to resign as a council member due to family conflicts. We will be seeking a volunteer to fulfill her term.

ADJOURN: With no further business to discuss, Gabby motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Jeri. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.