

The official Board meeting of Zion Christian Church was held on Tuesday evening, May 15, 2013 at 7 p.m. The following Board members were present: David Benckert, George Poffenberger, Carolyn Dickerson, Pam Steele, Nancy Nichols, and Moderator David Koogler. Joan Sasser was an observer. David opened with a devotion entitled "Potato Chips and God".

- **Secretary's Report:** Shirley Moss reported there are currently 179 on the church roll. Updates were given on members who continue to have health challenges -- Mack Childress, Jackie Harris and Elmore Hall. It was also mentioned that adult transportation needs to be arranged for the youth who are going to camp at Craig Springs this summer.
- **Pastor Search Committee** -- the committee has received information from the Regional Office on several potential candidates and will be meeting soon to review and discuss them. It is expected that the search process will continue for some time, so the Elders are moving forward to line up another interim minister for continuity.
- **Elder's Report** - Head Elder David Benckert reminded everyone that Interim Pastor Greg Ott will completing his 6 month ministry at Zion on Sunday, May 26. The Board is most appreciative of all that Greg has done to prepare Zion for its next permanent minister. David B. also reported that the Elders have approached someone about being Zion's next interim minister and a decision should be forthcoming soon.
- **Treasurer's Report** -- David Benckert indicated that the level of giving is right on target for the current year budget that ends June 30, which is great and our members should be commended. Zion will end the year with a surplus since we have not paid permanent church staff for part of the year. David B. then went on to present the recommended budget for the upcoming church year, July 1, 2013 -- June 30, 2014. David B noted that the recommended budget, which was developed by an ad hoc committee that included the Treasurer and all of the committee chairs, was "conservative" and for a total of \$76,600, compared to this year's budget of \$80,000. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the budget and recommend the Congregation approve it at the Annual Meeting on June 9.
- **Nominating Committee** - Shirley Moss presented the Slate of Officers for 2013-2014 on behalf of the committee which also included Ricky Smith and Frank Gayle. At the time of the Board meeting, a chairperson for the Worship and Education Committee had not yet been secured. The Board discussed the option of having co-chairs for this committee, with one person focusing on Worship and the other on Education. The Nominating Committee will work to fill the remaining committee chair opening before the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 9, and if they do, the Board will reconvene to act on their recommendation. With the recent death of Gladys Nichols, there was also a need to fill an open Trustee position. David Benckert volunteered to be nominated for the role. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the recommended Slate of Officers (with the Worship & Education chair open) and recommend that the Congregation approve all of the nominees at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 9.
- A report was given on the Funkhouser Account and currently there is a little over \$11,000 in outstanding school loans. Letters have been sent by the committee to these individuals.
- **Worship & Education Committee** -- Carolyn Dickerson reported that Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 5 -- 9, from 9 a.m. -- noon each day. A commencement program will be held on August 11.
- **Membership Committee** -- Pam Steele indicated there will be a luncheon to recognize Interim Pastor Greg Ott on May 26th after worship. Also there will be a dinner on June 23 to honor the outgoing Deacons and Elders of the church. Pam plans to have any new people joining church to fill out an Information Card with their contact information to be used not only by her committee but to be placed in the Newsletter as well.
- **Property Committee** -- George reported that the exterminator has taken care of the rodent problem.
- **Outreach Committee** - details are being finalized for the Old Firehouse Concert on June 8 featuring the McTell Bros.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. Respectfully submitted, *Shirley W. Moss*
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