

# Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes – 5/12/2026

**Call to Order** - 6:03pm

Present: Angie, Pastor, Elena, Dawn, Cheryl, John, Kelly, Jeff, Brooke, George

Excused: Robin

**Quorum** - met // John will vote in Robin’s absence; Angie will vote at all meetings.

## Community Building

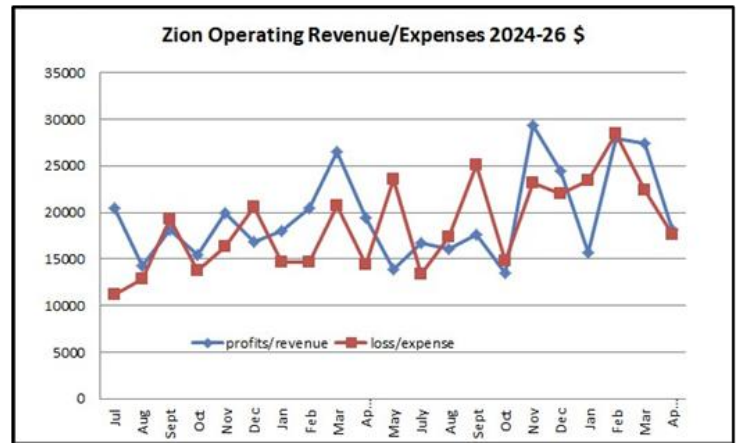
**Devotion and Lord’s Prayer** led by Pastor at 6:10pm.

**Approval of Prior Month Minutes** - John/Jeff/Unanimous//Approved

## Treasurer’s Report

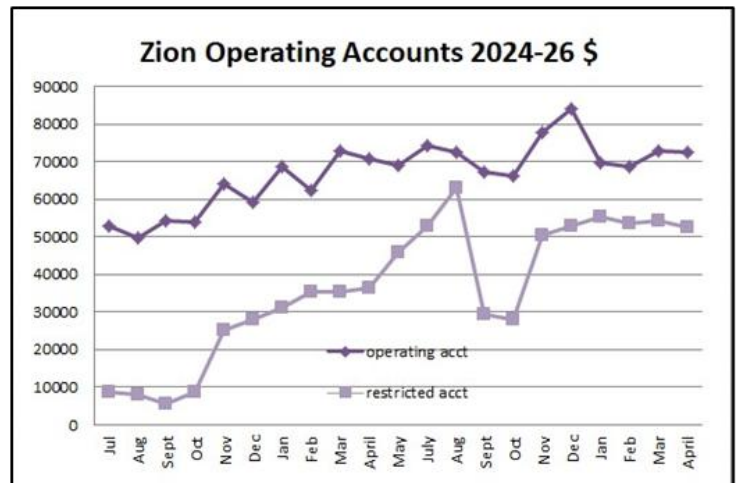
As of 5/1/26 there is a balance of \$72,383.39 in the operating account and \$52,469.04 in the restricted funds account.

The revenue for April was \$18,170.78 and the net income was \$481.42. In comparison: The revenue for April 2025 was \$19,465.87 The net income for April 2025 was \$5,063.97. The YTD Revenue for 2026 is \$89,225.23 and the Net Income is -\$2,768.20. In comparison, the YTD Revenue for 2025 was \$84,574.43 and the Net Income was \$20,134.30.



Notable P&L events in April:

- 51121 – Guest Preacher/Speaker - \$200.00
- 52530 – Special Worship Supplies - \$269.56 – Palms for Palm Sunday & Crosses for Mother’s Day
- 54502 – Treasurers Supplies - \$230.66 – Printer ink & postage
- 54702 – Workers Comp Ins. - \$-384.00 This was a refund based on the results of the annual audit
- 56002 – Lighting Repair - \$1,575.00 – Classroom lights upgrade
- 55403 – Water & sewer - \$103.52



The negative bottom line is shrinking at this point in time. It is important to note that May will bring us five Sundays, however, it will also bring us three payrolls. The second quarter expenses will also be paid out in May. The culmination of all these events will most likely add more negative growth to the bottom line.

**Approval of Treasurer’s Report** - George/Elena/Unanimous/Approved

## **Pastor's Report**

- Summer Worship:
  - Summer Worship will begin on June 28th (9:30am)
  - I'll be creating the summer worship schedule soon after I receive the availability from our musicians.
  - We'll plan for outdoor services on the Praise Band Sundays, weather permitting. Whenever we have an outdoor service, we'll need help with set-up and tear-down (please and thank you!)
  - Summer Sundays I'm away: July 12 (Mission Trip): Larry preaching. August 23 (Ireland): Rev. Dr. Katherine Adams preaching (my mom!)
- Children's Promotional Sunday will be on June 14th at 10am (rehearsal at 9am). Sue and I will plan a luncheon for after.
- Registration for the Mission Trip and Camp is due by June 1st (camp registration is due for scholarships).
- Worship attendance has been amazing. Great job everyone for attending regularly and bringing guests. Also, John's post-cards worked because people have been worshipping with us regularly who had stepped away for a while!
- Happy 16th Anniversary to the Church! I began the Sunday after Easter in 2010, and then I flew out to Massachusetts for my ordination on May 1, 2010. I'm extremely proud of this church and everyone who has been a part of this community over the years.
- New Member Sunday is coming up on June 14th. We will have a New Member Lunch on June 7th at 12pm.

## **Trustee's Report (received from James Cousins on 4/20/26)**

So, we went over the Kuck Hall reno which is expected to begin sometime in the next 2-3 weeks; Marcel will reach out to John/Pastor to advise of dates so Community Dinner and Food Pantry access can be planned well.

Ed Miller has requested we retain the old light fixtures from Kuck Hall; we have no place to safely store that many for any length of time. Ed will be advised he can take them if he wants them; otherwise we will donate them to Buffalo Reuse.

We updated on the concrete repair project and will reach out to the selected vendor to get a date to repair the concrete - sooner rather than later to get it done hopefully before Strawberry Festival.

Update on the criminal case against the vendor for the park project - slim chance of being paid; contractor likely to be arrested. Charges are already filed, proceedings are proceeding.

Parking lot project - quotes provided from 3 contractors. MJM quote was deemed no-compliant with the RFP. Contractor selected with plan to do work mid-August to proceed with restriping and sealing the parking lot.

The classroom lighting project is drifting and happening without any meaningful oversight or control or direction from either Trustees or Consistory. We did approve the "Option A" quote for materials with the understanding that this was going to cover classroom 1-3; it now may be classroom 4 should have the lights replaced as well, overflow and confirmation room. Trustees want a quote/proposal for the costs of that process. We do not want flush-mount lighting in overflow - perhaps just replace the bulbs in the cans with LED?

Fencing RFP provided to Trustees - given the volume of projects on deck, it was decided to push to the next meeting; perhaps FY 2027.

Request for tree planting permission was denied and returned to Jeff with request for further and more details before the Trustees will consider the request.

That is all. Nothing follows.

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### **Fundraising, Stewardship, and Outreach: John**

- Upcoming outreach initiatives:
  - Animal Blessing (Sun. July 19, 11-1 / Rain Date: Sun. July 26) - we have two confirmed vendors, Pet Supplies Plus and EarthWise Pet joining us; We'll also have pet & human refreshments and a Zion information table; we'll have a flyer for this event, available during the Strawberry Festival
  - Facebook & Instagram "Why Zion" Campaign - ongoing
- Upcoming Fundraisers:
  - Strawberry Festival - Sat. 6/20, planning is in progress
  - Meat Raffle - Fri. 10/9
  - Rummage Sale - typically mid-November, date TBD

### **Committee Reports**

- Christian Education: Elena (Christian Ed Missions, Sunday School, VBS)
  - Christian Ed: Starting to prepare for Children's Promotional Sunday on 6/14; VBS is setup for 7/27-7/31 and all the supplies have arrived
- Church Life: John (Coffee Hour, New Members, Prayer Chain, Men's Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, Young Adult Fellowship, Youth Group)
  - Coffee Hour: During renovations we will switch to Cookies & Conversation in Classroom 1 UPDATE: Coffee Hour is cancelled during renovations. Pastor will set up water stations since the water fountain is blocked off.
  - New Members: Lunch on 6/7 at 12pm; New Member Sunday on 6/14
  - Men's Fellowship: We do not have anyone currently leading this group
  - Youth:
    - Dunkirk Work Weekend: May 16-18
    - Junior WAY: June 6
    - WAY Mission Trip: July 6-12
    - VBS: July 27-31
    - Dunkirk Summer Camp
- Finance: Angie/Kelly (Budget, Fundraising, Memorials)
- Health Ministry: Dawn - Annual meeting 5/21 to plan for fall/winter
- Human Relations: Cheryl (Personnel, Pastoral Parish Relations (PPRC))
  - No updates this month
- Missions: Jeff (ARC, Community Assistance Ministry (CAM), Community Dinners, Crop Walk, Environmental, Food Pantry)
  - Environmental: Update on park repairs, landscaping, etc.
  - Food Pantry is closed during renovations

- Ray purchased 6 wild grasses for the park - \$120.00
- Quote received for 4 trees & filling in stone - \$5,600
- Worship: Robin (Altar Guild, Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, Ushers)

### **Old Business**

- John: Consistory Handbook Revisions - tabled
- Committee Chairs: Annual Congregation Survey - tabled
- Contractor for Preventative Maintenance on Boilers - Angie will call around for some estimate bids
- All: Completion of Conflict Assessment - tabled
- All: Church Maintenance Schedule - tabled
- Angie: Monitors in Sanctuary - tabled
- Angie: Lighting in Sanctuary - tabled

### **New Business**

- Discussion about potentially hiring an individual for a part-time sexton position; Motion made; Angie will take this proposal to Trustees to consider an annual grant. Elena/Cheryl/Unanimous/Approved.

**Closing prayer:** In the Church, for the people, with one another. Amen.

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:14pm Jeff/Elena/Unanimous/Approved.

**Next Meeting:** June 9th, 7:00pm.