

# Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes - 9/8/26

**Attendance** - Pastor, Angie, Cheryl, Kelly, Brooke, John, Jeff, Robin, Dawn, George, Elena

**Quorum** - YES

Call to order 7:01pm

Meeting start 7:14pm

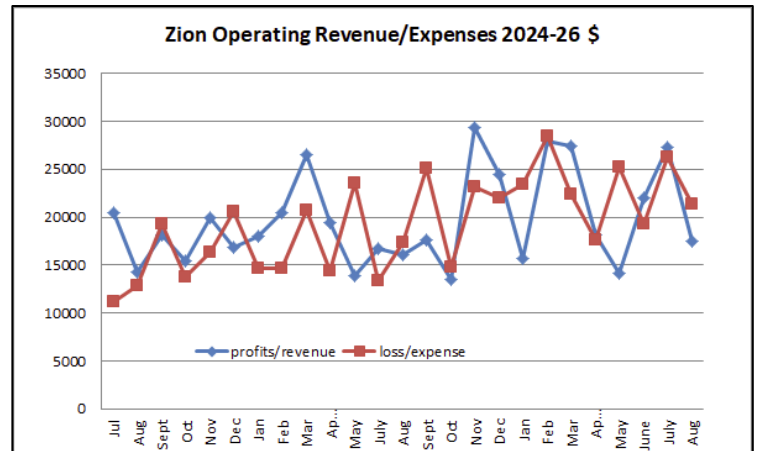
## Community Building

## Devotion and Lord's Prayer

## Approval of Prior Month Minutes

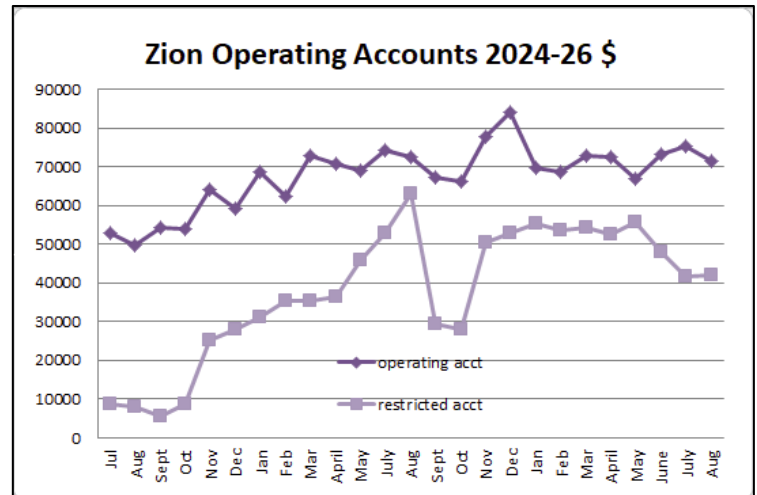
JEFF/KELLY/ALL/APPROVED

- CLARIFICATION TO AUGUST MINUTES:  
Bob is doing an amazing job as our new Sexton. He will not be going on vacation until after the new year and has already found coverage for while he is gone. When his probationary period is over, the personnel committee will complete his probationary review. Thank you, Bob!!



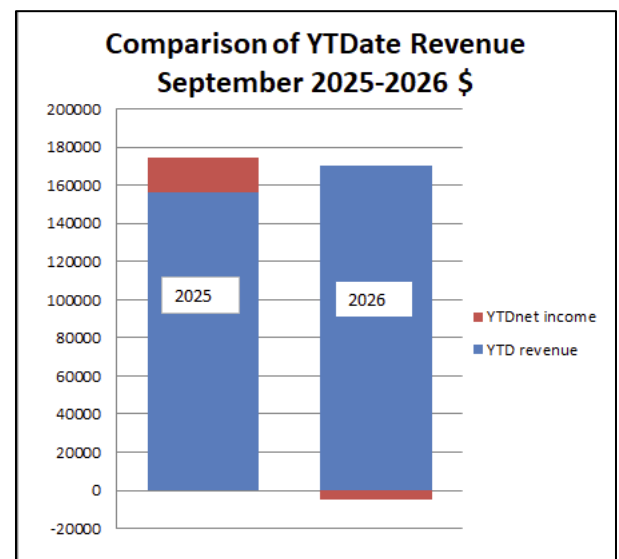
## Treasurer's Report

As of 9/4/26 there is a balance of \$71,338.00 in the operating account and \$41,975.90 in the restricted funds account. The revenue for August was \$17,476.90 and the net income was \$-3,933.09. In comparison: The revenue for August 2025 was \$16,084.27 The net income for August 2025 was \$-1,316.05. The YTD Revenue for 2026 is \$170,191.27 and the Net Income is -\$5054.29. In comparison, the YTD Revenue for 2025 was \$156,297.72 and the Net Income was \$18,560.32.



## Notable P&L events in August:

- 51710 – Pastor's FICA - \$1,407.46 – 3rd quarter payment
- 51121 – Guest Preacher - \$200.00 – coverage while Pastor away
- 52420 – Piano Service - \$19.99 – Piano humidifier pads
- 52560 – Envelopes- \$466.02 - Giving envelopes
- 53430 – VBS - \$688.31 - supplies
- 55000 – Custodial Supplies - \$248.20- Cleaning supplies & lawn mower gas
- 56005 – Heating Maintenance - \$1,131.00 – Annual Maintenance Contract
- 56007 – Cemetery maintenance - \$-300.00 – Reimbursement from Trustees
- 56000 – Building maintenance – other - \$370.00 – Parts for floor buffer
- 60001 – OWCM - \$1287.75 - 3rd quarter payment
- 60002 – Western Area - \$950.00 - 3rd quarter payment
- 60008 – NY Conference Per Capita - \$300.00 - 3rd quarter payment



August once again reflected a negative bottom line. It wasn't as bad as it might have been given the quarterly payments, since it was a five Sunday month. There are four months remaining in the fiscal year to add to the experience of navigating the day-to-day expenses under this new format.

## MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT: GEORGE/CHERYL/ALL/APPROVED

### Pastor's Report

1. I want to start with some "thank yous" for this month. A huge thank you to Sydney and Angel Santiago who organized my bookshelf. I never would have reorganized it, but they did on Sunday after Church! Also a huge thank you to everyone who volunteers at church on a regular basis. I can't even begin to name people because I'll leave someone out, but every day our church has volunteers helping in some way - we are truly blessed to have so many amazing volunteers.
2. Summer wrap up
  - We only had two Contemporary Sundays where the weather cooperated for outdoor worship. Still, those two Sundays were fun! Thank you to Marcel and everyone who helped with setup.
  - We had the highest summer attendance we've ever had. Every Sunday (even the mission trip Sunday when over 20 of us were away) had over 100 people in attendance. While these numbers seem low compared to the rest of the year, they're extremely high for summer worship. For comparison, the following numbers include the last Sunday in June through the first Sunday in September (11 Sundays) for 2026, 2025, and 2017. Thank you to our ushers for having these numbers available.
    - Summer 2026 average attendance: 137 (all Sundays over 100 in attendance)
    - Summer 2025 average attendance: 118 (only 2 Sundays under 100 in attendance)
    - Summer 2017 average attendance: 92 (only 3 Sundays over 100 in attendance)
3. Fall/winter dates I'll be away
  - October 11 - I'll be away just that evening in MA for an anniversary event. Ted Zientek has a sermon that has been on his heart that he'll be preaching.
  - November 22 - family vacation, Angie will be preaching.
  - December 27 - holiday family visits, preaching TBD.
4. Halloween Happening Weekend at Dunkirk
  - Youth Retreat will be October 16-18 (registration goes out this week).
  - Zion will have a cabin for Halloween Happening - let me know if you want to volunteer to hand out candy on October 17 for the Halloween Happening Event.
5. Trunk or Treat will be on October 24 at 6pm. Registration and flyers will go out soon.
6. A lot of people have been stopping in to chat lately. If you need time to talk, know that I will make time for you during the day or in the evening. Just reach out and ask to set up a time to talk.

### Trustee's Report (Received from Brianna Grine on 8/24/26)

- ADA/Courtyard: Laurie will send James DiDinato's contact info so we can start with engineering and get an updated estimate.
- Parking lot: We chose Black Gold Sealer (\$4,528). Laurie will schedule for September; it will require a 2-day shutdown and she'll update us once a date is set.
- Classroom lighting: Choir room is complete. Ed and Bob will start the Confirmation room Wednesday (4 lights).
- Fencing: Jill will reach out to Picket Fence for a third quote once she moves Wednesday.
- Kuck Hall floors: Rich Brandys did a great job. He recommends revitalizing every ~2 months/after major events at \$65 per service. Recommend Consistory consider continuing this.
- Nursery rug: Carpet cleaner didn't remove the stain. Recommend Consistory contact Stanley Steemer or similar to see if it can be removed before considering replacement.
- Water bibs: Trustees will put together a new RFP to fully repair the two water bibs around Kuck Hall.

Thanks!  
Brianna

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

- Upcoming outreach initiatives:
  - Trunk or Treat Event - Sat. 10/24, 6pm
  - Facebook & Instagram “Why Zion” Campaign – ongoing
- Upcoming Fundraisers:
  - Meat Raffle - Fri. 10/9 - planning meeting Fri. 9/11, tickets going on sale soon!
  - Rummage Sale - Sat. 11/14

## **Committee Reports**

- Christian Education: Elena (Christian Ed Missions, Sunday School, VBS)
  - Sunday School: 6 more chairs for Sue Clark’s room (she told a Trustee; we will work on educating people to go to their committee reps) MOTION TO SPEND \$375.00 OUT OF THE CHRISTIAN ED FUND OR ANOTHER APPROPRIATE FUND: KELLY/ELENA/ALL/APPROVED - CHAIRS HAVE BEEN ORDERED
- Church Life: John (Coffee Hour, New Members, Prayer Chain, Men’s Fellowship, Women’s Fellowship, Young Adult Fellowship, Youth Group)
  - MEN’S FELLOWSHIP WILL MEET AGAIN ON 9/26 9AM AT THE FAMILY TREE. THEY WILL BE SPONSORING AND HOSTING THE NOVEMBER COMMUNITY DINNER FOR THANKSGIVING.
- Finance: Angie/Kelly (Budget, Fundraising, Memorials)
- Health Ministry: Dawn
  - VACCINE CLINIC - MUST BE 18+, BRING YOUR INSURANCE CARD; NO INSURANCE - \$40 FEE
- Human Relations: Cheryl (Personnel, Pastoral Parish Relations (PPRC))
- Missions: Jeff (ARC, Community Assistance Ministry (CAM), Community Dinners, Crop Walk, Environmental, Food Pantry)
  - Community Dinner: 10/31 DINNER WILL BEGIN AT 4PM TO WORK AROUND TRICK OR TREATING HOURS
  - Food Pantry: THANK YOU TO JANET FOR STEPPING UP TO WORK THE FOOD PANTRY ALONG WITH PAT MUDD.
  - Crop Walk: Sat. 10/3, 9:30am
  - Environmental: Replacement tree installed on Tues 9/8 at no charge
- Worship: Robin (Altar Guild, Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, Ushers)

## **Old Business**

- John: Consistory Handbook Revisions - MOTION TO APPROVE CONSISTORY HANDBOOK AS A LIVING DOCUMENT TO BE LOADED TO THE WEBSITE UNDER THE CONSISTORY TAB AND TO BE LOADED TO DROP BOX WHERE REVISIONS CAN BE MADE, AS NEEDED. KELLY/GEORGE/ALL/APPROVED.
- All: Annual Maintenance Schedule - ANGIE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THIS TO A NEW PRESIDENT’S REPORT SECTION OF OUR AGENDA GOING FORWARD, TO REVIEW UPCOMING NEEDS
- Committee Chairs: Annual Congregation Survey ANGIE WILL BE WORKING ON A NEW ANNUAL SURVEY
- Angie: Monitors in Sanctuary - ONGOING
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- Kelly: 2026/27 Snow Removal RFP - KELLY PRESENTED 3 REASONABLY PRICED COMPANIES TO REVIEW AND WE ARE LOOKING TO USE FRESH CUT LAWN &

LANDSCAPE WITH MATTHEW CIOPPI. KELLY WILL FIND OUT THE ANSWER TO A FEW QUESTIONS AND UPDATE THE GROUP FOR A FUTURE VOTE.

- Pastor: Welcome Mugs (freight charge exceeds \$600 that was approved) MOTION TO APPROVE AN ADD'L \$100: CHERYL/DAWN/ALL/APPROVED
- Angie: Talent Show - WILL REVISIT THIS OR OTHER POSSIBLE EVENTS AT ANOTHER TIME

#### **New Business**

- John/Pastor: Tithe.ly Bundle Offer Proposal - MOTION TO APPROVE AN UPGRADE TO OUR PACKAGE. THIS WOULD INCLUDE A CUSTOM CHURCH APP. THE APP WOULD PROVIDE US WITH SEVERAL NEW FEATURES TO HELP US GROW OUR CHURCH AND INCREASE COMMUNICATION (SUCH AS PUSH NOTIFICATIONS AND GROUP MESSAGING). COST WOULD BE AN ADD'L \$28/MONTH (OR \$336/YEAR) KELLY/CHERYL/ALL/APPROVED.
- George: Compassion not Cruelty Meeting Summary - GEORGE GAVE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING HE ATTENDED VIA ZOOM.
- ANGIE PRESENTED A PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR US TO REVIEW. WE WILL WORK ON THIS MORE AT THE NEXT MEETING.

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

Motion to adjourn at 9:31pm: CHERYL/ELENA/ALL/APPROVED

**Next Meeting:** October 13th, 7pm