

Opening Positions on the Advisory Board at Zion for 2022

Vice-President (submitted by Andrea Abat)

- Serve as Zion's Human Resources liaison with Staff.
- Support the AB President as a sounding board and trouble shooter
- Serve in the role of President in her/his absence.
- Serve as President-Elect for one two-year term and then President for one two-year term.
- Consider the well-being of Zion as a whole when dealing with specific issues and ministries.
- Listen to praises and concerns of the congregation with compassion and discernment.
- Treat all matters relating to AB deliberations as confidential, until such time as the information is determined a matter of public record.
- Be part of a united body by supporting all decisions of the AB even if the decision doesn't agree with your personal opinion.
- Treat members of the AB and staff as sisters and brothers in Christ

President (submitted by Patsy Sakowitz) – at Zion, the VP becomes the president

The President shall discharge all duties usually connected with the office, including but not limited to chairing all board and congregational meetings.

Main responsibilities, as I see them -

To be aware of and involved in, as necessary, all areas of Zion church life and the ministries supported by our church.

To uphold our mission of Love to all as best I can and as God guides me to do.

To respond to and direct the "business" of the congregation and to chair the meetings held for that purpose. Whatever comes.

To prepare for meetings - send out Notices, Agenda, pertinent documents.

To lead programs or projects, or delegate assignments as necessary

To work closely with and communicate fully with the Pastor, the Office Staff, and members of the AB in fulfilling all responsibilities.

As a leader in any capacity, I believe these personal and spiritual gifts are called upon -

To listen with heart and give all people an equal voice of opinion.

To treat members and all people with consideration and compassion and respect.

To respond when asked; to serve when needed;.

To be open and available.

Length of Term -

The President serves for a term of two years.

The Vice President is elected for a term of two years, and then moves into the office of President for two years. Thus, the office of President is NOT elected. Rather, it comes through the election of the Vice President.

Helpful to Know - A position on the AB is a team effort and accomplishment. The AB is a wonderful and committed working group of members, regardless of which year and which members. All AB members are willing, share responsibilities, duties, and opinions and work to

the common good of the congregation. You will have help in serving! You are a part of a team of devoted servants! Commit to serving and God will give you the gifts necessary.

I also wish I knew that the gift of serving in this or any capacity would be so fulfilling. Work of the church is so very important. Sometimes, "let someone else do it" does not work. Being a part of the journey and forward progress of Zion is certainly time and effort. But, it is also very rewarding and uplifting in spirit. I have met and known Zion friends in a new and deeper way.

Member-At-Large (submitted by David Kingery)

It's a three-year term with the option of additional terms or other leadership positions as they are available. Each of the three at-large positions is the liaison between a couple of the ministry teams and the board, for example music, property, or outreach. We divide them up each based on folks strengths and passions. We are responsible to prepare reports of events, activities, and needs of these teams and present them to the board. We also study the monthly reports from other AB members and vote on matters that require a vote at our monthly meetings, usually a couple of hours on the the second Thursday of every month. It's also important to be available and listen to questions/concerns of the entire congregation, pastor, and staff of ZLC, and bring those to the board as needed. This service is a great way to be more involved in the church and your own faith journey.

Treasurer (submitted by Mike Patterson)

The Treasurer serves for a two-year period when elected by the Congregation at the Annual meeting. The Treasurer can serve for two consecutive terms. The Treasurer receives and reviews all check request presented by the financial secretary. If proper documentation is presented then the Treasurer signs the check/check request for mailing. This currently occurs one to two times a week. The Treasurer works hand and hand with the Financial Secretary of the church as at Zion the Financial Secretary prepares all check requests and financial statements for review and processing.

The Treasurer is available and works with the Financial Secretary/Advisory Board to answer or attempt to answer any questions concerning all financial matters at Zion Lutheran. The Treasurer also is a signatory on all of Zion's bank accounts, except for those separate operations/ministries that have their own supervisory boards and treasurers.

The Treasurer is also expected to attend the Advisory Board monthly meeting or any other times the need for a meeting is considered necessary by the Board President.

The Zion Lutheran Church By Laws also call for the Treasurer to provide for an annual review of all insurance programs of the Church. I feel this is a review that needs to be done with someone with a working knowledge of insurance, not necessarily the Treasurer. Because of where we are located (near the Gulf of Mexico with Hurricanes) I have found the church insurance to be quite a complicated job and one needs some expertise in insurance.