

## Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes, December 13, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Tim Schlegel.

Pastor Elizabeth opened the meeting with a prayer.

Glen Gordon moved to approve the November meetings with one small edit (changed "agenda" to "minutes"). Jeff Quinton seconded and minutes were approved.

Char Burchfield moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Glen Gordon seconded. Report was approved.

Barb Miller made a motion to table discussion on the budget. Jeff Quinton seconded. Discussion tabled.

### Pastor's Report

Pastor Duffy

1. The New Member Sunday is January, 6. We will plan something some ways to honor our new members.
2. Attendance has been amazing.
3. Gifts were purchased for church and community families for Christmas.
4. Choir/Bell Choir gifts from the Consistory were given at the choir party.
5. Gifts from Consistory will go to Sunday School teachers this Sunday.
6. Pastor Elizabeth will visit home-bound members the week of Christmas and will deliver their poinsettias.
7. Our Sunshine Club has been trained and they've already begun their visitation!

### Committee Reports

- Administration
  - a. Nursery update: There will be someone in the nursery for Christmas Eve, but we are still working on hiring on a permanent basis.
- Christian Education
  - a. Sunday, December 16 is the Children's service.
  - b. ARC and Plymouth Crossroads tags for youth in need were a success.
- Missions
- Church Life + Community Dinners
  - a. November Community Dinner cost \$219.45 There were Guests 92, Volunteers 9, Menu: Turkey, Shepherds Pie, Green Bean Casserole, and dessert.
- Memorials
  - a. Check was paid to Pastor Elizabeth to reimburse for cost of outdoor Nativity totaling \$947.90 . The current balance is \$1931.47.
- Outreach
  - a. Veterans Voices is still working on securing a property in Niagara County to create a home for
  - b. Jeff Quinton got a very fancy sign for the food pantry in exchange for some homemade bread.
  - c. Banner still needs to go up.
- Pastoral Parish Relations
- Health Ministry
  - a. Gifts were purchased for all the boys at Plymouth Crossroads.
  - b. Jean needs more help with taking blood pressures. Debbie Coles helps often, but Kim Gordon will also step in as needed.
- Strategy Planning (SWOC)
  - a. Discussing creating a talent registry so that church members have a list of folks to go to regarding experts on various topics.
  - b. There will be a pot luck and talent show on January 27.
- 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning
  - a. Tim Schlegel actually came across some new historical records in a newspaper in Cheektowaga. A group is going out to the cemetery to take photographs of the graves in the Zion cemetery to digitize them and place them on Find-A-Grave.
  - b. Char Burchfield is going to work on compiling a directory of former church members so that they can be invited to Rally Day and the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gathering. She will also work on a way to get shut ins to these events.

Old Business

1. Pastor Elizabeth is going to make some fliers to post at UB.
2. New Peace Pole to be donated by Barb J. Discussed putting it on the Parker side of the church.

New Business:

1. Concern has been raised regarding parking availability with increased attendance. Pastor Elizabeth will send an email asking that those who are able park on side streets and make impromptu priority parking signs.
2. The church still needs additional counters.

Glen Gordon made a motion to close the meeting. Jeff Quinton seconded. Meeting adjourned

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

Next Meeting: January 10, 7pm

## **Treasurer's Report November 2018**

**As of 12/11/2018 there is a balance of \$12,373.88 in the operating account and \$12,495.35 in the restricted funds account. All bills in my possession have been paid to date. There are no outstanding payments due to the best of my knowledge.**

**Net income is showing a balance of \$3483.70. The budgeted total was for \$-1240.63, November 2017 was - \$5134.85. I have included a copy of the profit & loss for November and balance sheet for your review. The budgeted YTD profit (January 2018 to November 2018) was -\$24,816.99. The actual YTD is \$766.97.**

**As I have been reporting, the slow strengthening of our financial position is a clear sign of the efforts of the entire congregation. Many people are contributing through time, talent, treasure or some combination of the three. Everyone is doing a great job of making sure that Zion UCC will be here for a long time to come. Keep up the good work!**

Respectfully submitted,

*Ron Janiszewski*