

- **Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 3-14-19**

Call to Order: Tim Schlegel called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Members Present: Pastor Elizabeth, Tim Schlegel, Ron Janzewski. Jeff Quinton, Joan Mohalski, Glen Gordon, Barb Miller, Jason Whalen, Ted Camp, Excused: Sarah Handley-Cousins.

Note: Ted Camp was a visitor and Jason Whalen an alternate.

Call to Order: Pastor Elizabeth lead us in the devotion and Lord's prayer.

- **Meeting Minutes:** Glen moved and Barb seconded the approval of the meeting minutes.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Ron reported, (see Treasurer's Report). Balance sheet needs to be revised. An anonymous gift of \$1,300.00 was received for the first year of nursery operation. The books need to be organized for an October- November audit. Ted asked what the cost and time would be for the audit. Pastor Elizabeth said that in the past a local accountant performed it in minimal time. Ted recommended a firm. A motion to accept the report was made by Glen and seconded by Joan. Motion was passed.
- **Trustees' Report:** None. See church website for details.
- **Review of Annual Meeting:** Joan said that the meeting went well.
- **Pastor's Report:**
 1. We purchased one inexpensive logo which was used on the website. It's a water colored cross. We are looking into getting another that is more like the original one we had wanted to purchase.
 2. Lenten Study started off great. There were 27 people in attendance as we talked about forgiveness.
 3. We are going to move Maundy Thursday and future Ash Wednesday Services to 7pm. Now that the nursery is staffed, more people come with their children, and it's easier for them to come if it ends at 8 instead of 8:30 due to early bed times.
 4. The week after Easter I will be away for vacation. Retired Pastor Steve Hall will be leading both services.
 5. We're planning a baby shower for David and Bethany.
 6. New website is up. There is also an app (but I am still working on that). We have a new podcast station for anyone who adds our services to their podcasts. Take a look and if you have recommendations, let me know.
 7. NY State now required Sexual Harassment training for all employers (including churches). Training needs to be done by October and the links and information is on the UCCNY website. Who should do the training? Pastor and Admin Chair/Committee?
 8. Copier being renewed – would we like color as an option?

Committee Reports:

- **Administration:** \$1,300.00 was anonymously given to the nursery. Nursery care positions were filled. 9Am – Samantha Caci, 10:30am – Brianna.
- **Christian Education:** No report.
- **Missions:** No report.
- **Church Life & Community Dinners:** January's meal consisted of salad, chicken broccoli casserole and dessert. Seventy five guests were served at a cost of \$50.00. There were 18 volunteers.
- **Memorials:** No report.
- **Outreach:** Veterans' Voices to meet Wednesday, March 20, 2019.
- **Pastoral Parish Relations:** No report.
- **Health Ministry:** No report.
- **175th Anniversary Planning:** Jeff reported that we could have a celebration at Classics V for \$5900.00/200 people. This is approximately \$30.00/person. The question that arose was should the church put in some money? Tim said that the dinner should be open to all? How much are we willing to contribute to defray the cost? Pastor Elizabeth said that anyone who wants to come but needs money should talk to her. Tim suggested we table discussion on ticket prices. Glen made a motion and Barb seconded. Motion passed.
- **Old Business:** UB church listings. Sarah was not present to report.
Peace Pole: To be put near church sign.
- **New Business:**
 1. Sarah had suggested that we bring in someone to advise on handicapped accessibility.
 2. An update on Sanctuary renovation time line was presented.
 3. The CCLI song license fee to put music online and stream services is \$62.00/year.
 4. Food Pantry- Jeff suggested that sticky notes with food needs be placed near pantry.
 5. Ted discussed a community garden near church. Tim, Ted and Sarah are to discuss this.
 6. Ted recommended putting age restrictions on YouTube[®] on church tv. Tim said that we can program this.
 7. Jeff said that we should not use chemicals on the garden. The Trustees and House and Grounds committee decide what to use.

A motion was made to adjourn by Glen and seconded by Barb. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.