

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 4-11-19

Call to Order: Glen Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

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

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

- **Meeting Minutes:** Edie moved and Barb seconded the approval of the meeting minutes.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Report was distributed. A motion to accept the report was made by Bill and seconded by Jeff. Motion was passed.
- **Trustees' Report:** Barb reported as a liaison on remodeling between the Trustees and Consistory on a portable lift that plugs into a standard outlet. \$7,000.00/yr. can be saved with new lighting and volunteers. This money could be used to purchase lift or something similar. Brass rails are to be reused. Rob spoke with Robert Marks about sound systems. Sanctuary remodeling to start July 8, and finish July 26.
- **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Elizabeth reported:
 1. Rev. Steven Hall is preaching the Sunday after Easter. He is newly retired, and is an excellent preacher.
 2. I will be in Florida the week after Easter, leaving Tuesday April 23 and returning Tuesday, April 30.
 3. I have asked Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein to speak for us for Pluralism Sunday. His schedule is pretty booked, but he is available to speak on June 2nd.
 4. We are sending 18 people on the mission trip this summer to Philly! It should be a great week full of hard work and spiritual growth. Thank you to Troy Hengst, Zak Zientek, Megan Bollman and Emily Laufer who will be joining me as chaperones. Men's Fellowship has been kind enough to pay for Ghost Tour on the free day of the mission trip.

Committee Reports:

- **Administration:** Jeff reported that the nursery is fully staffed. If someone calls in sick it will be difficult to staff. Debbie Grine is working on a solution.
Sex harassment training- All employees must be trained per state requirement. We have until October to create a policy. Training will be done on May 9, at the next Consistory meeting.
- **Christian Education:** No report.
- **Church Life & Community Dinners:** The menu consisted of chicken cutlets, au gratin potatoes, green beans, brownies and ice cream. There were 15 volunteers and 100+ guests.
- **Memorials:** A donation in memory of Betty Kleinfelder was received in March. Current balance is \$3,341.47.
- **Outreach:** The Veterans' Voices concert with the Panfil Brothers may be held at the end of June.

- **Pastoral Parish Relations:** Jeff had no report.
- **Health Ministry:** Glen had no report.
- **Strategy Planning, (SWOC):** Jeff had no report.
- **175th Anniversary Planning:** Ticket prices are \$25.00/person, \$40.00/couple, \$12.00/child. Children aged 4 and under free.
Barb says that Char should not have to pay for a ticket. The date for the dinner is October 20, 2019. Jeff is to meet with Char on Monday, April 15, about the celebration. It will be held at Classics V on Niagara Falls blvd.
- **Food Pantry:** Jeff reported that a grocery list has been made. Shopping list note pads are to be printed. As an example one might say “four boxes of cereal needed”. The pantry doors will be open on Sundays with the post it notes tacked to the inside of the doors. Twelve pads to be purchased and paid from Pastor’s discretionary fund. A handout of the pads was distributed.
We need to purchase more storage bins to store Youth Group and Women’s Fellowship items.
- **Old Business:**
 1. UB church listings discussion undergoing further consideration.
 2. Peace Pole- discussion of adding another peace pole is on hold.
 3. Sexual Harassment Training and Policy- training will be held at the May 9 consistory meeting.
 4. Handicapped Accessibility Speaker - Pastor to follow up on this.
 5. Community Garden- UCC an environmental website on community gardens. Ted has boxes that could be used.
- **New Business:**
 1. Speaker request- David Carapetyan is a promoter who arranges for speakers. A motion to accept David’s proposal was made by Bard and seconded by Edie. It was unanimously defeated.
 2. New Meeting Group- Pastor Elizabeth said that Alcoholics Anonymous will be meeting in the Kindergarten Room. Trustees approved this. They will meet on Saturday mornings.
 3. New Environmental Ministry- The UCC has programs to support a healthy environment such as solar panel purchase. Discussion was had that we should not use chemicals on the garden and use LED lights to conserve energy. Pastor Elizabeth, Jeff, Barb and Bill are starting the Environmental Committee.

A motion was made to adjourn by Barb and seconded by Edie. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.