

## - Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 10-8-19

Call to Order: Tim Schlegel called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Members Present: Pastor Elizabeth, Glen Gordon, Edie Bauer, Joan Mohalski, Barb Miller, Jeff Quinton, Jason Whalen, Rob Voss, Tim Schlegel, Ron Janzewski, Ted Camp, Jeff Quinton,  
Excused: Bill Roberts, .

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

- **Meeting Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed. A change was made to carpentry cost. It was \$1,600.00 and not \$5,000.00. A motion was made to approve by Barb and seconded by Jeff. Motion was passed.
- **Pastor's Report:**
  1. Thanks to Charlotte who did extra work last week since I was out most of the week with bronchitis.
  2. We're hopeful more people will buy tickets to the Anniversary dinner. The history team has been working hard to put on a great celebration with worship and the dinner on October 20<sup>th</sup>, but currently they have only sold about 100 tickets to the dinner (we're hoping to sell 150).
  3. Second round of church t-shirts was placed and will be available for pickup on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.
  4. Hearts and Hands speaker will join us at both services and coffee hours on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.
  5. Breakfast with Santa tentatively set for December 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Administration- child care givers needed. They will be paid.
- Christian Education - Edie reported that the kids are preparing for a December 15 program.
- Missions- no report.
- Church Life + Community Dinners      **Volunteers needed for Community Dinners**
  - September**
  - Menu: Hot Dogs, cheeseburgers, pulled pork, green beans, and au gratin potatoes with brownies for dessert
  - Cost \$117.39, Volunteers: 11, Guests: 60
- Memorials- Jason reported that money was donated in the names of Jean Rohrer and Rosemarie Knerr. The fund balance is \$3241.40. An ATM card was received. Checks have not been received yet.
- Outreach- Glen reported on Veterans' Voices.
- Pastoral Parish Relations- No report.
- Health Ministry -Flu shots to be given from 9-10:30 AM Sunday.
- Strategy Planning (SWOC) - Parking lot striping to be done. Pipelines to be dug up by a contractor for inspection. Daycare/preschool -Tim reported that George Drescher will present information on

requirements for a daycare/preschool.

- 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning- buy tickets! Jeff showed a picture of previous and present pastors. A songbook is being put together.
  - New Environmental Ministry:
    - a. Committee Members: Barb Miller, Jeff Quinton, Sarah Handley-Cousins, Bill Roberts, Pastor Elizabeth
    - b. Barb, Jeff and Pastor Elizabeth met to put together a list of recommendations
      - i. The Environmental Committee recommends that the church not use lawn chemicals, especially pesticides, and when they are used a more organic option should be selected.
        - Ray Greiner added that when lawn chemicals were recently used they made the side lot too thick and difficult to cut. He recommends we only have the lawn sprayed every few years when dandelions get too difficult to control.
      - ii. Recommend no scents in the bathrooms
      - iii. Consider buying environmentally friendly coffee cups (Consistory should buy these, not the coffee hour crew).
      - iv. Recommend planting tree line next to highway fence on side lot. We envision having a line of apple trees if possible. And if the apple trees do well, consider adding picnic tables.
      - v. Introduce Dunkirk Camp and Conference Center recycling program – there is a program at Dunkirk where we collect items, they recycle them, and they get the proceeds. Details to come.
      - vi. Future idea: with the upcoming ban of plastic bags in NY state, we could make and sell reusable bags made out of either canvas, hemp, or cotton.

#### **Old Business:**

- Handicap accessibility - tabled.
- Community Garden- no update.
- Church banner to be put up next week.
- Monday evening Bible study going well.

#### **New Business:**

- Coffee Hour- need more volunteers for coffee hour and community dinners. Have the youth group help. Have a sign up sheet for volunteers to bake treats. Gluten and allergen free treats needed.
- Budget- see handouts by Ron. A motion was made by Barb and seconded by Jeff to increase OCWM budget to \$5,000.00. Approved. A motion was made by Glen and seconded by Edie for Ron to make changes and Trustees to review. Approved.

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

Next Meeting: November 12, 7:00 PM.

A motion was made to adjourn by Glen and seconded by Jeff. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.