

- **Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 1-14-2020**

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

Members Present: Pastor Elizabeth, Tim Schlegel, Jeff Quinton, Troy Hengst, Glen Gordon, Jason Whelan, Barb Miller, Edie Baur. Guest: Maria Colosimo- youth liason, Ted Camp-Trustees Committee, Excused: Bill Roberts, Rob Voss, Ron Janiszewski.

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

- **Meeting Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve by Barb and seconded by Jeff Quinton. Motion was passed.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Report was reviewed along with P&L and Balance sheet. A motion was made to approve by Glen and seconded by Edie. Motion was passed.
- **Trustee's Report:** Ted met with George Dresher and created a punch list for things to be done around the church building. Big ticket items such as roof repairs, parking lot & school to be included in a 10 year strategic plan.
- **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Elizabeth reported:
  1. All of our home-bound/nursing home-bound folks were visited over Christmas. The list was extremely long, so it took a few days to make all the visits, and hopefully I didn't miss anyone. If I did, please let me know and I'll bring them communion and stop to see them soon.
  2. I am planning to go to Israel for a week as a part of continued education in October. I will miss one Sunday, however my plan is to film an on-location sermon and have it played on the televisions in place of a guest preacher. I will have someone set up to receive and play the video in place of the sermon.
  3. New Members welcomed on January 5  
Richard Arnold, Patrick and Maureen Mudd, Pierre and Kirsten Albrecht-Carrié, Mallory, Mikey, and Max Felvus, Kenneth Voght, Norman and Lynn Alexander, Jillian, Julia, and Ashley Bidwell, Carole Snyder
  4. 2019 church report (will be in the annual report):
    - a. 20 New members (does not include the Jan 5 class), also 4 new children
    - b. 4 Baptism
    - c. 8 Funerals
  5. Since April 11<sup>th</sup> marks 10 year of my ministry here at Zion UCC, I decided to map out the church report totals since April 11 of 2010. It's interesting how the first couple years we increased in membership at a much slower rate than the last couple years (for example, in 2011 we welcomed only 6 adult new members verse 20 in 2019). Here are the totals:
    - a. 139 Adult new members (children not included)
    - b. 64 Baptisms
    - c. 104 Funerals

- d. 41 Confirmations
  - e. 34 Weddings
6. I have a request for memorials. Since the Crop Walk was Joan Mohalski's fundraising initiative, I would like for the money that was given in her memory to the Memorial fund, to be set aside and given to the 2020 Crop Walk in her name.
  7. New Church Program request. Our directory and financial secretary systems are very antiquated. They are not easy to use, regularly have complications. Since there are many church programs out there, I finally found one that is less than half the price of many others and does exactly what we need. The system is called Breeze CHMS. It allows us to have a church directory that members can access on a website or app, as long as they have the password (password will only be accessible for church members). And it allows for the financial secretary to use this much easier program and then members can print their own statements at any time. It also incorporates online giving for those who want to use this new system. The old online system will still run until a time when everyone chooses to switch to Breeze.
    - a. Breeze CHMS costs \$50 per month (this is half or less than half than other church programs)
    - b. It creates the app and online member directory
    - c. It makes our financial giving system easier to maintain and access.
    - d. It has ways for us to create events, check children in to classrooms if we wish, and mark attendance.
    - e. It allows for groups to connect and message each other (this would be great for Bible Studies and prayer chains).
    - f. I ran this by Ron first, and he said adding the \$600 per year to the budget should be okay.

A motion was made by Barb and seconded by Jason to donate money in Joan Mohalski's name to the Crop Walk. Motion was passed.

A motion was made by Glen and seconded by Edie to purchase the Breeze CHMS system. Motion was passed.

### **Consistory Nominations:**

A motion was made by Tim and seconded by Glen to nominate Troy Hengst for a position on Consistory. Motion was passed.

Jason starts his first official term in March. A replacement is needed for Rob Voss. Two alternates are also needed. We need to find people interested in a position.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Administration- No report.
- Christian Education - No report.
- Missions Project - collect scarves, mittens & tree decorations. ARC- kids handed out requests for gifts. Plymouth Crossroads- a donation was sent and a response was received.
- Church Life-No dinner in December.

- Memorials- Donations were received in memory of Jean Rohrer, Hilde Fix and Jan Smith. Current balance is \$2, 163.00.
- Outreach- We need to look at new ways to help i.e. “Ronald McDonald House”.
- Planning Committee - Meeting Feb. 5, for International Communion Day of Prayer. This will be on May 7, 2020.
- Pastoral Parish Relations- No report.
- Health Ministry - Collecting Dash’s register tapes.
- Strategy Planning No report.
- Environmental Ministry - Barb is collecting recyclables for Dunkirk camp. Money from sale of recyclables goes to Dunkirk. Barb has list.

**Old Business:**

1. Handicap Accessibility committee - No report.
2. Community Garden- Jeff suggested planting fruit trees along fence. The garden cannot intersect with the parking lot. The garden would have a curving walkway through it.

**New Business:**

- Tim said that a thank you was received from the bell choir.
- We need to teach children not to run in hallways so that they do not knock people over.
- Pastor Elizabeth mentioned that we don’t have enough chairs. Trustees need to see about getting more chairs and tables.
- Basket Raffle- Jeff reported that the W.N.Y. Justice League is coming to the Basket Raffle on February 22.
- Crockpot Cook-off- It was mentioned that we could have grilled cheese, i.e. “Cheeses for Jesus”.
- Motion to close the meeting was made by Glen and seconded by Barb. Motion was passed. Meeting closed at 9:08 P.M.

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

Next Meeting: February 11, 7:00 PM.

A motion was made to adjourn by Glen and seconded by Edie.