

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 2-11-2020

Call to Order: Glen Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

Members Present: Pastor Elizabeth, Jeff Quinton, Troy Hengst, Glen Gordon, Jason Whalen, Barb Miller, Edie Bauer. Guest: Michael O'hara – Buffalo City Mission, Ted Camp-Trustees Committee, Excused: Tim Schlegel, Bill Roberts, Ron Janiszewski.

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

Guest Speaker- Michael O'hara of the City Mission spoke of helping homeless people. A small percentage of them are mentally ill. The mission was founded in 1917 by Billy Sunday. Volunteers are needed for a game night and other activities. A new building is being built at a cost of fifteen million dollars. One million dollars is needed. A chapel is to be built at a cost of five hundred thousand dollars. The biggest need is financial. Money could be raised by a "pick a brick" campaign where a brick can be purchased. The ribbon cutting for the new building will be done in June. Consistory voted that this year the Easter offering will go to the Buffalo City Mission. A motion was made by Barb to give money to the Buffalo City Mission. Glen seconded. The amended motion is to use a special Easter envelope and loose cash money from the offering plate for the City Mission. The motion was approved.

- **Meeting Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed. Pastor Elizabeth mentioned that more detail was needed on the Trustee's discussion of a potential preschool. A motion was made to approve by Glen and seconded by Barb. Motion was passed.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Report was reviewed. A motion was made to approve by Jeff and seconded by Glen. Motion was passed.
- **Trustee's Report:** Ted spoke with John Rothrock from Brighton Fire Co. He gave his opinion of what we can and cannot do regarding a possible preschool. A bathroom would have to be added. Full day preschool would require additional construction, half day would not. Insurance requirements have to be reviewed. A vote and approval from the congregation is needed before a plan can be put in place. This will not be presented at the March meeting.
Punch list- A ten year plan is to be put together on an Excel® spreadsheet with a timeline. The door closers in Kuch Hall and the Narthex were repaired. The Consistory paid for this.
Sound board security problem- A locking cabinet with wheels is being considered to prevent unauthorized adjustment of controls. Pastor Elizabeth suggested moving the sanctuary camera to watch the sound board. The punch list is to be presented at the March meeting. The Trustees committee needs to report at the congregational meeting and explain what has been done. Information on the roof condition and parking lot repair is to be included. A bequest is coming from George Lentsch's estate. Trustees are to meet on the third Tuesday of the month. Pastor Elizabeth suggested having a joint meeting with Consistory and trustees.
- **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Elizabeth reported:
 - a. Breeze CHMS system is up and running nicely. George Drescher said it's extremely easy for him to add the church giving with this new system. We are encouraging everyone to create a login, update their information, and utilize the directory and

- giving. People who give online will be able to use Breeze (they will have to switch over after this week) or they can continue to use Vanco.
- b. Huge thank you for all of the church's support during the last month. You are all wonderful!
 - c. Lent is coming!
 - i. Ash Wednesday worship will be Feb 26 at 7pm (note: not 7:30)
 - ii. Lenten Bible Study will be Monday Evenings at 7 pm.

Consistory Nominations: Troy was nominated for a position on Consistory last month.

- We still need one more Consistory member and two alternates. It was suggested that we have different colored pins for Consistory members.

Committee Reports:

- Administration- No report.
- Christian Education - No report.
- Church Life- (Troy) will have the March community dinner lead by confirmands as part of their service.
- Memorials- (Jason) received donations in memory of Joan Mohalski, Jan Smith and Phyllis Klepser. Some of the memorial money for Joan was designated for the choir and Women's Fellowship so the checks were written to those two groups. Current balance is \$2,599.94.
- Outreach- See "Guest Speaker" above regarding Michael O'hara.
- Pastoral Parish Relations- No report.
- Health Ministry – (Glen) First of the month blood pressure measurement available after services. Dash's register tapes are being collected.
- 175th Anniversary Planning- Ongoing throughout the year.
- Environmental Ministry - Jeff has ideas to pursue.

Old Business:

1. Handicap Accessibility - This is part of Trustee's planning.
2. Community Garden- Jeff asked where to locate the garden? Ted suggested locating next to the fence along I-290. Ray Greiner should be asked for advice.

New Business:

- Pastor Elizabeth said that the shed was broken into on the previous Wednesday evening. A weed whacker and leaf blower were taken from the shed but left behind when the burglar was scared away. The lot camera needs to be replaced, More cameras could be added. Ted said he knows someone who could advise on this. Pastor Elizabeth said that an unused camera will be moved to the shed to discourage theft.

A motion was made to adjourn by Barb and seconded by Jeff.
Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

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

Next Meeting: March 10, 7:00 PM.