Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes via Zoom® 9-8-2020

Call to Order: Tim Schlegel called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Pastor Elizabeth, Tim Schlegel, Troy Hengst, Edie Baur. Debby Williams, Peter Korte, Jason Whelan. Ted Camp-Trustees Committee, Glen Gordon, Barb Miller. Excused: Jeff Quinton.

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

- Approval of Consistory Meeting Minutes: A motion to accept was made by Debbie and seconded by Troy. Motion was passed.
- **Treasurer's Report:** the report was reviewed and showed that the church is on solid financial footing.

A special thank you to all who have stepped up and contributed during these difficult times.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Barb and seconded by Debby. Motion was passed.

 Trustees's Report: Ted reported that the roof needs replacing. Remediation will need to be done due to the presence of asbestos. A church member donated money for the Amish built garage located between the fence and the parking lot. An online meet raffle was discussed. Endowment money was moved to a more conservative fund that is easier to access.

Pastor's Report:

- a. First live stream service had some glitches. Hopefully they will be fixed for this week, and I'll have more helpers with the technology.
- b. More ushers would be welcome to help for Sunday mornings. We had 37 people this week, but likely more will attend each week. Ushers need to sign people in, make sure they're wearing masks, and help them find a safe seat in an unmarked pew.
- c. We will hold Confirmation when it's safe enough for families to re-gather.
- d. I will in Colorado October 6-13, so I'll be absent for the next Consistory meeting. I'm unsure what we'll do for that Sunday, it's going to depend on how the next couple weeks go.
- e. We will not have a student minister this year. He is doing an online internship elsewhere due to Covid. This leaves \$4,000.00, (\$2,000/yr.) available that would have been paid as a stipend.
- f. A.A. is looking into fixing up our big cross in the courtyard since some paint is peeling.
- g. Nick Seth is doing his Eagle Project here at church (he's Brianna Grine's boyfriend). I'm meeting with him tomorrow night as he shows me his plans.

- He is going to refurbish the gardens around the church.
- h. Girl scouts want to use the Zion UCC building since they can't meet at fire halls. Alternate groups would meet on alternate weeks.
- Bible studies are conducted four days a week online. Pastor Elizabeth is in the church building on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Committee Reports:

- Administration- Edie contacted Sue House about Crop-walk. Pierre and Glen are handling this.
- Christian Education Pastor Elizabeth reported that Koch Hall is set up with tables facing the big screen.
- Church Life and Community Dinners-Troy reported that 140-150 dinners were distributed.
- Memorials- Jason: No report.
- Outreach- No report.
- Pastoral Parish Relations- No report.
- Health Ministry Dash's register tapes are being collected.
- Strategy Planning (SWOC)-No report.
- 175th Anniversary
 - a). Time capsule revelation and plans for next time capsule. Time capsule contents were ruined by water and mud.
- Environmental Ministry- Barb: no report. Barb, Jeff and Pierre are to meet via Zoom®.

New Business:

- Troy discussed Stephen Ministries. People would need to be sent for training.
- Pastor Elizabeth said that phone calls to nursing home is helpful since we can't do visits.
- Tim asked about people coming into the building to work on it. The man buffing the floor had tested positive for Covid-19 antibodies.
 - Pastor Elizabeth has to put a protocol in place for contractors entering the building. They cannot enter if their body temperature measures > 100° F.
- Ted asked about the food pantry. Pastor Elizabeth said that it is well stocked. Sticky notes could be placed near the entrance listing need items.
- Barb asked about having two services. Pastor Elizabeth responded that we will do this
 when needed.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: October 13, at 7:00 PM via Zoom®.

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