

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes via Zoom® 6-8-2021

Call to Order: Glen Gordon called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Pastor Elizabeth, Jeff Quinton, Debby Williams, Edie Bauer, Barb Miller, Troy Hengst, Elena Camp, Sarah Handley-Cousins, Trustee: Ted Camp. Excused: Peter Korte, Tim Schlegel, Jason Whelan.

Call to Order at 7:01 pm.

Devotion and Lord's Prayer: Pastor Elizabeth lead us in the devotion and Lord's prayer.

- **Approval of Consistory Meeting Minutes:** A motion to accept was made by Debby and seconded by Troy. Motion was passed.
- **Treasurer's Report:** As of 06/05/2021 there is a balance of \$47,371.80 in the operating account and \$17,841.80 in the restricted funds account.
The revenue for May was \$12,982.52 and the net income was \$-1,428.86. The budgeted May revenue was \$14,327.23 and the net income budgeted was \$-1,843.06. The budgeted YTD revenue was \$78,499.58 and the budgeted YTD net income was \$-6,481.31. The actual YTD revenue is \$71,909.42 and the actual YTD net income is \$7434.98.
Notable P&L events in May included the quarterly payments to the UCC: \$1250.00 for OWCM, \$630.00 for Western Area and \$210.00 for the per capita fee.
- The revenue continues to remain stable as a result of the continued support of our congregation. As long as we maintain the same attitude we have used since last March, we should continue to remain in good shape. A motion to accept was made by Barb and seconded by Jeff. Motion was passed.
- **Trustees's Report:** Ted reported on the air conditioning work to be done. Two payments tabled until June. Quotes are being requested for parking lot resurfacing.
- **Pastor's Report:**
 1. Summer Office Hours: I will still be in the office Monday through Thursday, but the hours may vary depending on the day.
 2. Bible Study will continue throughout the summer except when I am on vacation.
 3. I am preparing for us to be able to worship outside and still stream our services some Sundays in the summer. I'm also working with musicians to put together a schedule.
 4. We have a seminary student who has been worshipping with us, Kaylee. Kaylee is also doing her CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) at Sister's Hospital. She is working to become a chaplain. Kaylee will preach while I'm away on July 11th. She and I are also talking about having her do her field education here in the 2021-2022 school year.
 - a. We will need to discuss a stipend for her for the school year (as we were planning when for our other student before Covid hit).
 - b. She will need a committee to meet with her periodically for the field education requirements.
 5. I spoke with Trustees last month about applying for a Lily Endowment Grant to try to become a "Transition into Ministry" Church. TiM Churches receive grant funding to take on new ministers for a two year period of time, to help train them for ministry, ordain them, and help them search for their first settled call. Our Church is smaller than the standard churches that have TiM ministers, however we also offer a more practical setting that is more realistic for new ministers. I have no idea if we'll receive the grant or not, but it's worth a try.
 6. I will be away the weekend of July 11th to visit family (we'll leave at the end of the week and come back at the beginning of the next week).

Re-Opening and future plans

1. Mask Requirements-No masks for vaccinated people. No masks for small children. Keep spacing in the pews. A motion was made to accept the above by Elena and seconded by Troy. Motion was passed.
2. Summer Worship plans & Summer Sunday School ideas
 - a. We could use 2 – 25x25 tents in the courtyard. We will need helpers to set up for Sundays when we're outside. Pastor Elizabeth plans to have teenagers with kids for Summer Sunday School. She will also talk to Debbie Grine about Vacation Bible School.
3. Rally Day plans: outdoor service if weather is good.
4. Service times in the fall – Discuss having services at 9 & 11. The additional time would allow for 1 coffee hour (mixed with people from both services) and more time between services (which Sue Clark and Pastor Elizabeth have appreciated).
5. Discuss having in-house communion again. Wafers will be handed out with a gloved hand.

Committee Reports:

- Administration - Jeff had no report.
- Christian Education & Missions – Pastor Elizabeth to plan a mission project.
- Church Life + Community Dinners- 170 dinners were given out at the last community dinner. The next dinner will be June 26. New volunteers are needed for coffee hour. Pastor Elizabeth suggested having a signup sheet for coffee hour. This could be to serve once a month. Different people are needed for setup and cleanup. Someone is needed to make coffee in the morning.
- Memorials- No report.
- Outreach- The student pastor Kaylee is good with outreach.
- PPR-Jeff had no report.
- Health Ministry- Kaylee would like to work with Health Ministry.
- Environmental Ministry-Barb is waiting for a grant. Pastor Elizabeth had no information on this.

• Old Business:

1. Pastoral Care Ministry Training is set. Troy will get a hotel for the instructor. June 30 is the deadline for registration. We need participants.

• New Business:

1. Pastor Elizabeth was asked to share this with Consistory and then forward it to Trustees. While we look at getting tents for the Courtyard, we could also think about a permanent structure that could allow for a shaded outdoor space in the courtyard, and a similar covering at our front entrance. And idea that could be done in a larger scale in the courtyard and a smaller scale at the entrance is this from MPChurchDesignBuild.com



2. Barb mentioned deteriorating concrete at entrance from parking lot.

- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Glen and seconded by Barb. There will be no July meeting.

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