

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes via Zoom ® 9-7-2021

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

Members Present: Tim Schlegel, Troy Hengst, Pastor Elizabeth, Barb Miller, Trustee: Ted Camp, Elena Camp, Sarah Handley-Cousins, Edie Bauer.

Call or Order at 7:06 pm. (Lacking voting body)

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

Community Building

COVID Review Policy

- Will keep 2 (two) services at 9:00 am and 11:00am with coffee hour starting at the conclusion of the first service.
- Coffee hour team will be needed. Pastor will create a sign-up sheet to request volunteers each week. Volunteers will serve children that come up for a snack or drink.
- Will further review the coffee hour with regards to our COVID policy as the need arises and/or with increases in COVID/Variant cases in the community.

Tim Schlegel acknowledges voting body achieved at 7:15 pm.

- **Approval of Consistory Meeting Minutes:** No minutes were submitted. Will have to add and approve at the next meeting.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Barb and seconded by Troy to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion was passed. Ron requested to get started on the next budget and have it submitted by November.
- **Trustee's Report:** Remediation of office, asbestos testing resulted in NO asbestos. Parking lot - working on RFP. Dead tree on Parker Street side of the church - looking to have removed. Old shed in back has been taken down. Boiler inspection requested by insurance carrier went well, all okay.
- **Pastor's Report**
 1. Rally day is 9/12/21. One service at 10:00 am, outside service. Requesting volunteers to help set-up, cook/prepare lunch, tear down/clean-up.
 2. New member meeting changed to 9/28 at 6:00 pm. Pastor noted about 15 new members are in waiting to join the church.
 3. New member ministry team. Possibly 3-4 per team to help welcome new members and to also keep in contact with new members.
 4. Pastor sent out a thank you to the Trustees for their hard work on the office renovations.

- **Committee Discussion**

Reimagine / Ministry Teams

It was discussed on creating various ministry teams in areas of interest/need, having a liaison of each team report to the Consistory, who will share a report during the first segment of the meeting. The first segment would be reserved for ministry team reporting then continue into the regular meeting (second segment). It is possible that not all ministry teams would meet on a regular or more frequent basis, and that it may report only a few times during the year.

Committee Reports:

- Administration – Charlotte signed new contract for 6 work hours.
- Christian Education & Missions – Had a successful VBS and now ready for a new Sunday School year with all of our teachers returning.
- Church Life and Community Dinners – Troy reported no community dinner for August and that the next dinner is September 25.
- Memorials – None
- Outreach – None
- PPRC – None
- Health Ministry – None
- Environmental Ministry – Barb reported attending a native tree preservation workshop, learning/looking around at trees and other shrubs/plants to include in the green space/future project next to our parking lot.

It was brought to Pastor's attention that there is a need to include in our committee reports, Food Pantry. This is a vital area of the church that should be reported on each month.

Old Business

- Troy recapped the Pastoral Care Training from July. The training went well! There were 12 attendees from 5 different WNY Area Churches. Seven attendees were from Zion. Roll out with ministry teams will be announced soon.

New Business

None

A motion to adjourn was made by Troy and seconded by Barb.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next meeting: In-Person meeting on October 12 at 7:00 pm.

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