

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 10-12-2021

7:00pm Committee Night

Committees met for 1 hour prior to Consistory.

Consistory Call to Order at 8:02 pm. Tim Schlegel called the meeting to order.

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

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

Committee Reports:

- **Administration** - No report.
- **PPR**- No report.
- **Christian Education & Missions** – Edie, Debby and Sue House to produce a calendar with church events such as the crop walk, etc.
- **Church Life + Community Dinners**- sign up online to help. Ted said that we need new volunteers to help with the coffee hour so that no one gets burned out. Pastor Elizabeth elaborated saying that we need people for set up and clean up. A signup sheet could be used for this. Troy suggested using the youth group.
- **Memorials**- No report.
- **Community Outreach**- Peter suggested using discretionary funds to help people or have a fund raiser for this.
- **Health Ministry**-Debby said that we should promote wellness through mind, spirit and body. She also reported that some first aid kit materials have expired. The defibrillator batteries are to be replaced. The committee has a nurse who does monthly blood pressure checks on members. Dash receipts are also being collected to maintain the AED, first aid boxes and supplies.
We may have a health fair and give a CPR course that the congregation can participate in. We would love to have more members help us! You do not need to have a medical background for this.
- **Environmental Ministry**- Barb, Pierre, Jeff, Robin Fowler and Peter. Information is being gathered for the tree project. The department of Environmental Conservation or Cornell Co-op could be contacted about trees. Styrofoam is to be eliminated in 2022.
- **Pastoral Care Ministry**- Troy and Glen created the following mission statement: Care for members, non-members and their families. Show compassion for those in need. Be present both physically and spiritually.
- **Food Pantry**-Jeff reported that we have had good donations through the year. Snacks and candy were also donated. Sticky notes should be used again to advise as to what is needed. Ted suggested a neighborhood food drive. People could put food on the porch that could be picked up.
- **New member Ministry Team**- Ted discussed having 4-5 members meet with new people. A survey on this could be conducted about this in 6-12 months.

- **Altar Guild-** This group sets up the altar, also for communion. Vestments have to be placed. The creche has to be set up at Christmas.
- **Review of Covid policy-** A motion was made by Barb to maintain the current policy. Glen dissented, motion was approved.

Approval of Meeting Minutes-A motion was made by Barb and seconded by Glen. Motion was approved.

- **Treasurer's Report-**

- As of 10/05/2021 there is a balance of \$48,621.04 in the operating account and \$25,671.48 in the restricted funds account.
- The revenue for September was \$16,670.49 and the net income was \$4,351.74. The budgeted September revenue was \$15,248.843 and the net income budgeted was \$-4,124.32. The budgeted YTD revenue was \$133,269.11 and the budgeted YTD net income was \$-12,030.56. The actual YTD revenue is \$126,167.99 and the actual YTD net income is \$10,003.06.
- Notable P&L events in September were Rally Day expenses of \$579.90, \$1151.76 for Pastor's FICA and \$387.00 for VBS field trip to Sunflowers of Sanborn.
- Congregational support as well as the efforts of our fundraising committee continues to keep our revenue stable. As long as we maintain the same outlook we have had since March 2019, we will continue to remain in good standing.
- Pastor Elizabeth said that if there are any requests for funds that Ron needs to know. A motion was made by Debby and seconded by Glen to accept the report. Motion was approved.
- **Trustee's Report-** Pastor Elizabeth's office remodeling is to be completed.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Duffy

1. Baptism tentatively planned for October 17th.
2. October 31st New Member Sunday.
3. November 28th Baptism of James Miller.
4. Youth Group has resumed.
5. I'm able to do visitations to nursing homes with the exception of covid outbreaks which tentatively close visitation.
6. Two services are going well - great to see many people returning!
7. I will be away Nov 18-25.

Old Business-None.

New Business-

- Meat Raffle to be held Saturday, November 6.
- Barb to do bible study in January on an Adam Hamilton book.
- Elena asked about renting out Kuck Hall. Ted said that cleaning would be above and beyond rental cost. Renters could do the cleaning based on a list. There would be only one event per day once a week. A motion was made by Elena and seconded by Barb to open Kuck Hall for rent on a trial basis. Rules and regulations to be followed. Motion was approved.
- Glen suggested a couple's retreat. This is to be discussed.

A motion was made to adjourn by Jeff and seconded by Peter. Motion was approved. The next meeting will be on November 9.