

## Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 1.11.2022

Consistory Call to Order by Pastor Duffy at 7:08 pm

Members present:

Pastor Elizabeth, Elena Camp, Troy Hengst, Jeff Quinton, Debby Williams, Tim Schlegel, Sarah Handley-Cousins, and Barbara Miller.

Excused: Peter Korte, Jason Whalen, and Edie Bauer

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

Approval Of Consistory Meeting Minutes-motion for approval by Debby W. and seconded by Troy H.

Reviewal of Covid Policy: Tim S. led discussion. It was decided that

1. We will separate pews every other for the two services as previously done
2. Ask people to please separate and not sit close to each other if possible
3. Everybody should be always wearing masks up in the correct position (over the nose and mouth) while in the church building to protect everyone. This includes children.
4. Coffee Hour will be postponed out of safety concerns until the next Consistory meeting so they can review any new COVID developments

Treasurer's Report :

Ron J.

1. As of 1/6/2022 there is a balance of \$50,329.94 in the operating account and \$22,429.10 in the restricted funds account.
2. The revenue for December was \$14,555.37 and the net income was \$-3,298.06. The budgeted December revenue was \$13,254.11 and the net income budgeted was \$3,263.45. The budgeted YTD revenue was \$199,422.21 and the budgeted YTD net income was \$0.00. The actual YTD revenue is \$172,457.49 and the actual YTD net income is \$12,574.41.

Congregational support as well as the efforts of our fundraising committee has made this a successful year. If we maintain the same outlook we have had since March 2019, we should continue to remain in good standing and navigate our way through this pandemic for however long it lasts.

Trustees Report: no report

Question: is it okay to order Sue's tables/chairs?

Decision was made to double check with all Trustees and order them if they approve.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Duffy

1. Thank you to everyone who helped deliver poinsettias!
2. Kalee will be starting this month as our student minister. We're setting a schedule this week.
3. Youth Group is cancelled for January. She wants to wait for covid cases to slow down a little before resuming.
4. Ash Wednesday is March 2nd. Worship at 7pm
5. Several nursing homes have shut down visitation. She will keep an eye on when they reopen to resume visits with those members. She is resuming visits with other members (carefully) now that she is no longer sick. Pastor called everybody on the shut-in list on 1/11 to check on them all and will resume visits when it is deemed safe to do so.
6. Worship services are still going well. Attendance at 9 is stable, 11 is just over 20. This seems small; however, people are watching online. Below are some of the video stats from Facebook:
  - a. 1/9 views on Facebook for longer than a minute: 48 + 25
  - b. 1/2 views of Facebook for longer than a minute 60 + 55
  - c. Christmas Eve views for longer than a minute 64 + 42

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Committee Reports:

Administration (Jeff)- no report

PPR- (Jeff) –no report

Christian Education & Missions- (Edie)- no report

Church Life & Community Dinners- (Troy)- no report

Memorials-(open)- Tim reported that there were no donations for December but total in account is \$4,813.40. Pastor Duffy suggested that the Environmental Ministry may want to use of this for memorial trees for the outside garden.

Community Assistance Ministry- (Peter)- no report

Health Ministry- (Debby)- Stop the Bleed/CPR course will be postponed till Spring due to two of the paramedics having COVID. Narcan Training Class by the Erie County Health Department is scheduled for Saturday March 5. Presently working on the short-term equipment loan so Pastor can get the information out in the next Zionite. Ted Z. is looking into somebody to come and talk to interested congregational members about mental problems/illness during these difficult times.

Environmental Ministry- (Barb, Jeff)- no report, will be planning a meeting for the group soon

Pastoral Care Ministry Team- (Troy)- no report

Food Pantry-(Jeff)- Pantry was full during the Christmas season and was utilized by many. Overall doing well. Money still there to buy specific pantry needs

Altar Guild- (open)- no report. Have obtained four new members.

New Member- (Ted)- no report

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### New Business:

1. Rental agreement was updated and reviewed by Consistory members that were present. Trevor Duffy looked it over for legal purposes as well. Motion to approve was made by Debby W. and seconded by Troy H.

2. Consistory officers that need to be filled:

- Jason has other current obligations so a motion to remove Jason from Consistory was made by Debby W. and seconded by Barb M. We do thank him for all his hard work.
- Tim S. - his term as President is up as of February. Troy H will become the new President.
- Barb M will become the new Vice President
- Debby W. will become the Secretary

- Pastoral Care will remain with Troy H.
- Community Dinners will be changed to Peter K.
- Environmental Ministry will remain with Barb M.
- Community Assistance Ministry will stay with Peter K. and Jeff Q.
- Healthy Ministry will remain with Debby W.
- Food Pantry will remain with Jeff Q.
- Christian Education and Missions will remain with Edie
- Sarah and Elena C. will remain as Consistory Alternates

A. Three Consistory committee vacancies to fill (3-year terms):

Memorials

Administration/PPRC

Altar Guild

This will be discussed at the Annual Budget meeting with the congregation in March

Trustees have one opening and Laurie Mittlefehldt expressed an interest. The entire Consistory thought she would be an excellent member. Motion to approve was made by Debby W. and seconded by Barb M.

Delegate recommendation was made for Kirsten Albrecht-Carrie to join Lois Theisz, Debbie Grine, and Doug King as voting delegates to Western and NY Conference meetings.

-A motion was made to adjourn meeting by Debby W. and seconded by Troy H.

-Motion was approved.

-Next meeting scheduled for February 8.

-Meeting closed at 8:24 pm