

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 12.14.2021

Committees met from 6:30-7:10 pm.

Happy Birthday was sung to Tim Schlegel and Edie Bauer and ice cream cakes that were made by Elena Camp was enjoyed by all!

Consistory Call to Order at 7:15 pm by Tim Schlegel

Members present: Pastor Elizabeth, Trustee: Ted Camp, Elena Camp, Troy Hengst, Peter Korte, Jeff Quinton, Debby Williams, Edie Bauer, Tim Schlegel, Sarah Hanley-Cousins and Barbara Miller.
Excused: Jason Whalen.

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

Approval Of Consistory Meeting Minutes - motioned for approval by Troy H. and seconded by Jeff Q.

Treasurer's Report: In good position right now. Report was motioned for approval by Barb M. and seconded by Peter K.

Trustee's Report:

- Working on solution for parking lot lights
- Worked on snow removal and security measures
- Working on 5-6 little projects

Pastor's report- (Pastor Elizabeth)-

- Nativity scene- larger scene moving to lawn by Parker Blvd while thinking of putting a smaller one by the parking lot. We had to purchase a new center piece of the large Nativity after people damaged the old one last year. New lights need to be purchased because the old ones were stolen from the shed during a previous break-in.
- Christmas eve services are at 5 and 7 pm
- December 26th service will be at 11 am only with Christmas hymns and a short message
- Pastor will be away in Massachusetts visiting family for a few days

Committee Reports:

Administration-no report

PPRC- (Jeff) -no report

Christian Education & Missions- (Edie)- collecting money and gifts for ARC and collecting gift cards for Plymouth Crossroads

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

Memorials-(Jason) no report

Community Outreach- (Peter)- name has been changed to Community Assistance Ministry (CAM for short). A flyer has been developed with information on the back page that provides a person the opportunity to fill the form out for assistance. Pastor brought up the fact that there is a good amount sitting in the mission envelope fund account which could be better utilized for assistance to congregational members that are in need. Barb M. made the motion to use any mission envelope money to be used for the assistance fund in the future and Troy H. seconded it. The entire consistory membership approved.

Health Ministry- (Debby)- Stop the Bleed/CPR class will be taught by the town Paramedics on Saturday January 15 from 9-1 pm at Zion. Sign up sheet is on the front board. First Aid boxes are bought and being put together by Lynn A. The team now has 7 members. They are currently working on a short- term loan program for church members for the wheelchairs and walkers currently at the church. Laurie M. made sure they were in good working order (thank you Laurie!). We will need a disclaimer which Pastor Elizabeth told Debby to contact Trevor about. We will announce the program after the New Year. Dawn M. would like to start a stretching class to be held at the church once a month on a Saturday which she is certified to teach. Ted Z's work puts on a class about coping with anxiety and stress and Debby will be e-mailing Ted to see if we can arrange for the instructor to come and teach this one weekend.

Environmental Ministry- (Barb, Jeff)- Barb M. reported that some landscaping companies told them to contact them in the Spring to plan out the garden next to the parking lot. The team is currently planning for Earth Day activities for the children. It was noted that Ansley Cousins and her Girl Scout Troop would like to help with the garden project. Barb said they were discussing having groups like the Girls Scouts and the church Sunday school classes possibly adopting a raised garden to take care of. It was also mentioned that we need to plant tomatoes which can be than used for Community dinners.

Pastoral Care Ministry Team- (Troy)- no report

Food Pantry-(Jeff)- Pantry is doing great. Sticky notes are being taken and used to purchase items needed and that the system is working well. Currently, it is well stocked.

Altar Guild- (Lisa L)- got some new members to help but more help is needed. Debby was asked to put up a flyer on the front board asking for more members help.

New Member- (Ted)- Tim S. said he had developed an outline for helping new members feel more welcomed. He suggested that we make a point of talking to the new members which would include letting them know about church activities and introducing them to coffee hour like he saw Ted and Elena C. doing last week with some new folks.

Review of Covid policy- Masks are status quo. Barb M. brought up about the choir wearing face shield to sing and Ted C. agreed as NY State has redefined masking requirements. It was brought up that more face shields needed to be purchased and Elena C. purchased them right than (thank you Amazon!)

Old Business: no discussion

New Business:

- Talked about review of the budget and changing the sheet so it showed the actual costs accrued (Profits & Loss) from January-December on left side column and on the right side column placing any changes there so it would be easier for the congregation to see what changes needed to be made. Discussion concurred.
- Discussed about the assistant pastor, Kalee coming on for one semester starting in January. Spoke about the possibility of continuing her services following the semester to help Pastor Elizabeth.

A motion was made to adjourn by Debby W. and seconded by Elena C. Motion was approved by all members.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday January 11 at 7 pm for Consistory to review church budget for presentation to congregation.