

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 3.08.2022

Consistory Call to Order at 7:05pm by Troy Hengst

Members present: Pastor Elizabeth, Trustee: Ted Camp, Elena Camp, Troy Hengst, Debby Williams, Edie Bauer, Tim Schlegel, Sarah Hanley-Cousins and Barbara Miller, Peter Korte, Jeff Quinton, Robin Fowler, Mark Burr, and W. George Darrall

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

Reviewal of Covid Policy was updated earlier this week in a vote by Consistory. Masks are no longer needed regardless of vaccination status. People can wear them still if they feel more comfortable doing so. Masks will still be provided at the church if people get there and decide they would like to wear one. Choir members wearing masks was discussed and it was decided that they can decide as a group per a group discussion to be held at choir practice, if they would like to continue wearing a mask or not. Signs separating pews per 9 and 11 am services are to be removed.

Approval Of Consistory Meeting Minutes - motioned for approval by Barb M and seconded by Jeff Q.

Treasurer's Report (Ron Janiszewski)

As of 3/5/2022 there is a balance of \$41,701.89 in the operating account and \$27,299.58 in the restricted funds account.

The revenue for February was \$13,779.60 and the net income was \$-293.21. The YTD revenue is \$27,983.62 and the YTD net income is \$1,411.93.

There were no notable P&L events in February.

Report was motioned for approval by Debby W. and seconded by Jeff Q.

Trustee's Report: (Ted C.)

1. New projects- Laurie and Joyce are overseeing a project on getting feedback from the congregation on any general improvements/maintenance that people see needs to be repaired. These are to be collected until the end of April and in May, the Trustees will put them together in one work order for a maintenance man to be hired to come complete the repairs on the list.
2. Security system/cameras plans are being worked on. Tim brought up the fact that we are not ADA compliant at the exit doors so maybe the doors should be incorporated into the present security system project. Ted will discuss this with the Trustees.
3. Ed and Ted are working on getting more accent lighting outside the church building.
4. They continue to work on plans for total reconstruction of the parking lot in 2023
5. It was discussed at the Trustee meeting about defining line items in the budget as to what board is responsible for specific items.

Pastor's Report (Pastor Duffy)

1. Kalee has begun as Student Minister. She's participating in worship and beginning to work on her goals, including counseling and offering a Love Language Class at the end of the month.
2. Each Wednesday or Thursday during Lent, a Lenten-focus video will be posted online to help people through their Lenten journeys.
3. Attendance in-person is coming back to normal; her next focus is to encourage the rest of the kids to come back.
4. Youth Group resumed with Lasertron last month and regular Youth Group on Friday. They will go to Boston, MA for a mission trip this summer, July 11-17 (Back to Pastor's mother's church).
5. This Friday at noon she will be participating in a prayer service for Ukraine at Ebenezer UCC in West Seneca - all are welcome to attend in-person or online.
6. Lenten "Let's Talk Race" discussion began Monday, March 7th.

Committee Reports:

Administration- (George)-no report

PPRC- (Jeff) -no report

Christian Education & Missions- (Edie)- no report on Christian Education. Missions have put out a calendar for a heifer project

Coffee hour & Community Dinners- (Peter)- We will be having a Welcome Back Coffee Hour and then our weekly coffee hour will be back in between services. We need people in the congregation to sign up to bake and help set or clean up. We are encouraging the congregation to stay late, come early to the coffee hour so we feel like one church. Community dinner went well this month.

Memorials-(Mark) - has \$4,913.40 presently in their budget. There were no donations for February.

Community Assistance Ministry- (Jeff)- Peter, Debby and Jeff will meet some Sunday after the service about the need and where the forms will be and where the people would submit them to.

Health Ministry- (Debby)

1. Erie County Health Department presents a class on drug use in Erie County this past Saturday March 5. Twenty-three people attended. We were all shown how to use NARCAN and were all given a box of two with a certificate good for two years that we have been in trained in this. Very informative meeting.
2. Our scheduled next class is on April 23 Saturday 10 am-11:00 am Karl Shallowhorn of Shallowhorn Consulting will be presenting: How to deal with anxiety, stress, depression and feeling isolated during these COVID worn, Inflation, war in Ukraine, and all our societal changes. It is free. The sign-up sheet is on the front board.
3. Dawn's first exercise class went very well. Her second class is coming up Saturday March 26 From 11 am- noon in Kuck Hall. It is also free, and the sign-up sheet is also on the front board.

We are also looking for more topics and speakers so if anybody has any ideas, please see anybody on the Health Ministry team. Right now, we are looking at starting more classes after Summer and have Hospice and the SPCA coming (Pet First Aid). Pastor volunteered her dog as the live model.

Environmental Ministry- (Barb, Jeff)- the committee is meeting this week since it is getting toward Spring so they can start their projects outside.

Pastoral Care Ministry Team- (Troy)- has spoken to Kailee, our student Pastor and have discussed classes in grief counseling and love languages. Kailee has already developed the Love Language Class and will hold the class in between services coming up at the end of the month.

Food Pantry- (Jeff and Mark)- was restocked today. 7-12 people show up at the Pantry on a regular basis. Health Department inspected and passed our Pantry and mentioned how well organized it was.

Altar Guild- (Robin)- Laurie has repaired the corner of the Sacristy Room and has been organizing the room itself.

New Member- (Mark)- Pastor explained to the new Consistory members what this group does as a welcoming committee. Magnets of committee members information have been made and will be handed out to new members if they have any questions or need help.

Old Business:

1. Annual Reports are out. We need to make sure the person who motioned states their name. We need a microphone and somebody to run around with if anybody has a question.

Jeff Q will help Debby with writing notes.

The meeting will be on Zoom.

2. Ted mentioned that we should start wearing our nametags again so people can remember names and faces since masks are off and we have many new members.

New Business: A new laptop computer is needed in the Sanctuary; Pastor will look to see what will work. Barb M motioned to allocate \$700.00 to give to Pastor Elizabeth if she wants one that would work for us. Jeff and Mark seconded the motion.

Closing: At 8:56 pm, a motion was made to adjourn by Edie B. and seconded by Peter K. Motion was approved by all.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday April 12 at 7 pm

A big thank you to Tim Schlegel for his service to this church as outgoing Consistory President. A bible with his name inscribed inside was presented to him for his service.