

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 4.12.2022

Consistory Call to Order at 7:08pm by Troy Hengst

Members present: Pastor Elizabeth, Trustee: Ted Camp, Elena Camp, Troy Hengst, Debby Williams, Edie

Bauer, Peter Korte, Jeff Quinton, Robin Fowler, and W. George Darrall. Absent: Mark Burr, Sarah Hanley-Cousins and Barbara Miller.

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

Reviewal of Covid Policy -status quo for now

Approval Of Consistory Meeting Minutes - motioned for approval by Edie B. and seconded by Jeff Q. All attending members approved.

Treasurer's Report (Ron Janiszewski)

- As of 4/1/2022 there is a balance of \$43,254.58 in the operating account and \$27,894.14 in the restricted funds account.
- The revenue for March was \$13,868.11 and the net income was \$-2850.41. The YTD revenue is \$41,851.73 and the YTD net income is \$-1,438.48.

Notable P&L events in March:

- Acct. 52410 \$564.00 Music License renewal (once a year)
- Acct. 52530 \$549.99 Computer for Sanctuary TV's (over \$500.)
- Acct. 52560 \$518.63 Envelopes (over \$500.)
- Acct. 54503 \$599.98 Easter supplies for kids & community(over \$500.)
- Acct. 54700 \$942.08 Annual NY Conference fee plus 2 hotel rooms
- Acct. 55401 \$1,666.52 Reflects March & April gas payments

The notable March P&L events account for the increase in the March expenses. All but the gas expense are annual onetime expenses. Congregational support remains strong

Report was motioned for approval by Debby W. and seconded by Jeff Q. All attending members approved.

Trustee's Report: (Ted C.)

1. New projects- Laurie and Joyce had fifteen items given to them from members of things they noticed that needed to be fixed. Trustees are going through the list so they can put

in one work order for a maintenance man to be hired to come complete the repairs on the list.

2. Worked on timeline for security system/cameras plans. Timeline is May, June, and July for this to be completed.
3. They continue to work on plans for total reconstruction of the parking lot in 2023. Working on engineering proposals.

New Business: The Chicken Barbecue Fundraiser and The Strawberry Festival is being planned for this year- better than ever! 😊

Pastor's Report (Pastor Duffy)

1. Kalee is preaching next week (4/24) and leading a "Road to Emmaus" walk. There will only be one service at 10am to make this easier.
2. Charlotte has taken a full-time job. Pastor recommended to the Admin. committee that the church save the money from the secretary position and use it for cleaning and/or other ministries. Agreed by all attending members.
3. We have 3 volunteer groups from day-hab centers helping at church (or 2 currently helping, with a 3rd beginning in May). One group helps by cleaning/organizing/sanitizing the nursery each week. Another group cleans the kitchen and wipes down tables/chairs in Kuck Hall. The third will help with office work on Tuesdays/Thursdays starting in May. Ted C. mentioned that it would be nice to thank these groups now and then with coffee or pizza, etc. Everyone though that was a nice gesture for all their hard work.
4. Pastor will be away from April 18-April 26. For pastoral concerns, call Rev. Pierre Albrect-Carrié at 716-988-0905.
5. Youth Group: Saturday is the Easter Egg hunt and breakfast; Saturday night is a Youth Vigil with the KenTon youth. The 5k run is hopefully set for July 10th (assuming permission from the town). The Mission trip will be in Boston (staying at her mother's church in Billerica) from July 11-17.
6. We are hosting the Area meeting on May 1. If anyone can help, let her know! We need to serve lunch to all attendees.
7. Pastor got new laptop computer for \$500.00 and wanted to thank Zak Zientek for coming in and helping set up the computer to the camera.
8. Pastor did one visitation today.
9. Coffee Hour will be held this Easter Sunday in between services.

Committee Reports:

Administration- (George)- Charlotte, our church secretary is leaving us for a full-time position.

PPRC- (Jeff) -no report

Christian Education & Missions- (Edie)- Sue C. said the children are enjoying their heifer project and will decide after Easter what animal to purchase. She is still hoping attendance at Sunday school will increase.

Coffee hour & Community Dinners- (Peter)- Community dinner went well this month. We need more volunteers for coffee hour. Ted volunteered to make an announcement the Sunday after Easter. Women's Fellowship is hosting the next community dinner on April 30. They will serve hot dogs.

Memorials-(Mark) - has \$5,108.40 presently in their budget.

Community Assistance Ministry- (Jeff)- the committee met as they had a request from a local church that had been broken into several times if we could help them with funding some security equipment. The committee agreed it was needed and honored the request for \$500.

Health Ministry- (Debby)

1. April is National Stress Month. 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 all that is happening in our busy world right now. It is free. The sign-up sheet is on the front board or can e-mail DW1416@aol.com.

2. Dawn's third exercise class is coming up Saturday April 30 from 11-12.
It is from 11 am- noon in Kuck Hall. It is free, and the sign-up sheet is also on the front board.

3.The Town paramedics are coming Saturday May 7 from 9-12 to teach First Aid (its free) plus you can sign up to be certified for 2 years in CPR (cost is \$25 payable that morning). They will also be teaching how to use the AED (Automated external defibrillator) which we have at our church. This class needs people to be signed up by May 1, so the paramedics know how many instructors to bring and how many CPR dummies. Sign-up sheet on the front board.

Environmental Ministry- (Barb, Jeff)- trees will be purchased (7) to go around the front of the church so they bloom at the same time, and it will look good. Discussion about possibly asking if people are interested in purchasing one of the trees in memory of a friend or loved one. The bigger project will be on hold until the parking lot project is completed. Discussed about how to make sure they are watered daily. Ray G. had mentioned bags that could go at the base of the

trees and release water. Motion was made by Peter K. to use \$3,850.00 from Memorial donations and use them to buy the trees and seconded by Edie B. All attending members approved.

Pastoral Care Ministry Team- (Troy)- Kalee's Love Language classes were well attended.

Food Pantry- (Jeff and Mark)- was restocked today. Pantry is being used a lot lately and people in our congregation have been helping by taking the post it notes and purchasing the requested items.

Altar Guild- (Robin) Sacristy Room has been organized and the committee all works well together (good communication.)

New Member- (Mark)- no report. Pastor did mention that she would like to have a new member meeting early in Summer for people who would like to join our congregational family.

Old Business:

Do we want to include a link to Caring.com to our website? Discussion commenced and it was agreed not to do this at this time as there are other organizations that provide the same services and Robin said that Erie County Senior Services provides all kinds of free information for seniors.

New Business:

1. Network of Religious Communities Membership costs \$100 per church. Would we like to join? Rev. Pierre Albrecht-Carrié already serves as the representative for the Western Area on the Network, and he can serve as our representative as well. Discussion occurred. Debby W made a motion to join, and Peter K seconded. All attending approved.

Closing: At 8:26 pm, a motion was made to adjourn by Edie B. and seconded by Jeff Q. Motion was approved by all.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday May 10 at 7 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Debby Williams
Consistory Secretary