

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 5.10.2022

Consistory Call to Order at 7:03pm by Troy Hengst

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

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

Reviewal of Covid Policy -discussion about COVID status. A lot of people in the congregation have COVID right now. Pastor Elizabeth will be sending out e-mail to inform the congregation about this so they can be aware. She will also let people know where to go for free COVID tests if still available and where to purchase tests so people can be proactive in testing if they choose to before they come to church.

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

Treasurer's Report (Ron Janiszewski)

As of 5/6/2022 there is a balance of \$41,119.53 in the operating account and \$27,051.24 in the restricted funds account.

The revenue for April was \$14,654.58 and the net income was \$-2,564.60. The YTD revenue is \$56,531.31 and the YTD net income is \$-3,907.10.

Notable P&L events in April:

- Acct. 51710 \$3765.17 Pastor's FICA – This reflects 4th qtr. & 1st & 2nd qtrs. 2022
- Acct. 54702 \$929.00 – Worker's Comp Annual Renewal
- Acct. 56005 \$411.00 – Heating Repairs

Congregational support remains strong. Pastor Elizabeth noted that we are down from April last year – In April 2021 we had \$58,926 in revenue and in April 2022 we have \$56,531 in revenue.

It was decided that there will be a reminder of stewardship to the congregation so we can continue the wonderful things that happen in our church.

Trustee's Report: (Ted C.)

1. New projects- Trustees are going through the list provided by Laurie and Joyce so they can put in one work order for a maintenance man to be hired to come complete the repairs on the list.
2. Security system/cameras plans being finalized
3. Various project statuses were reported on by members

New Business: The Strawberry Festival: Ken Voght has offered to help by donating Coke products (Thank you!). The Trustees want to make sure that there is a big promotion for event.

Pastor's Report (Pastor Duffy)

1. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped host the Area Meeting! And thank you to David, Marcel, and Bethany for leading the music during the service!
2. Pastor Duffy will be away for Memorial Day weekend to officiate her little brother's wedding. Kalee will be preaching. Will plan on one 10 am service that day.
3. Kalee's semester is coming to an end. Pastor Duffy is meeting with her Thursday and will discuss how much she would like to continue to do in the summer/fall regarding student ministry.
4. We have 3 more baptisms on the calendar: June 5 (9am), June 12 (11am), and July 24 (9:30)
5. Pentecost and Confirmation will be on June 5th. Confirmation will be during the 11am service.

Committee Reports:

Administration- (George)- There is a meeting on this Thursday so no report currently.

PPRC- (Jeff) -no report

Christian Education & Missions- (Edie)- Sue C. said they were able to buy a goat and 3 flocks of chickens from their heifer project donations. Sue C. that they are currently planning Vacation Bible School which will be set in July.

Coffee hour & Community Dinners- (Peter)- Community dinner went well this month. Women's Fellowship hosted. They grilled hot dogs (thank you to Ted C and Troy H for grilling!). 150 meals were prepared. The next community dinner is Memorial Day weekend, and the Pastor will be out of town. She is asking for a liaison to coordinate the dinner. Volunteers are needed. Sign up Genie will be put up so people can sign up. Pastor will do the shopping. Meal still to be decided.

Memorials-(Mark) -had one donation this month. Have \$5,258.40 presently in their budget.

Community Assistance Ministry- (Jeff)- There were no requests this month.

Health Ministry- (Debby)

1. Dawn's exercise class is so popular that it was decided through a poll of the attending people to go twice a month on Wednesday evenings (6-7 pm). Dates and sign-up sheet are on the front board.

3. The Town paramedics came Saturday May 7 and the James Ryan Foundation announced they were paying for all attendees CPR registration costs (\$25.00 a person!). We are now certified in CPR for 2 years and we were taught how to use the AED (Automated external defibrillator) which we have at church.

4. The last class we are hosting is on Saturday June 4 from 10-11 am and is FREE! Ida Shapiro will be presenting a class about Behavior Modification when it comes to diet, weight loss, keeping fit, and eating healthy food. She has over 50 years of experience in speaking about this important health issue. And she has lots of coupons to give away for FREE food! Sign up sheet is on the front board.

Environmental Ministry- (Barb, Jeff)- Seven new trees were purchased and placed in front of the church. Jeff comes bi-weekly to check on the status and if they need water. They look great! The large containers of dirt arrived as well. Ted Camp donated a 4 x 8 garden box (presently by garage). He said other products need to be purchased to put in with the dirt to help the garden grow and he offered to help when it is time to put the box, dirt, and other products in so the kids can plant. Thank you, Ted!

Pastoral Care Ministry Team- (Troy)- no report

Food Pantry- (Jeff and Mark)- Pantry is being used a lot lately. A lot of new faces visited this past week.

Altar Guild- (Robin) – no report

New Member- (Mark)- no report.

Old Business: Pastor will be sending in our membership for Network of Religious Communities that we approved last month.

New Business:

1. Church Cleanup Day (Troy)- day still to be announced after it is decided what date the Strawberry Festival will be held. Will be asking for volunteers to help clean the church for an hour or two so the church looks fresh and organized! Discussion tabled until June meeting.

2. Journey's End (refugees): The mother does Henna Tattoos, and Pastor Krista Ulrich (Ebenezer UCC) is looking into allowing her to use churches to do Henna tattoos to make money. Could she use a room at Zion one day a week? Discussion commenced and it was decided that due to liability and legalities, this cannot be pursued.

Closing: At 8:14 pm, a motion was made to adjourn by Debby W. and seconded by Jeff Q.
Motion was approved by all.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday June 14th at 7 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Debby Williams
Consistory Secretary