

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 6.14.2022

Consistory Call to Order at 7:07pm by Troy Hengst

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

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. Keeping things as is currently as COVID + levels have dropped in Erie County.

Approval Of Consistory Meeting Minutes - motioned for approval by Robin and seconded by Mark B. All attending members approved.

Treasurer's Report (Ron Janiszewski)

As of 6/9/2022 there is a balance of \$39,779.54 in the operating account and \$23,527.45 in the restricted funds account. The balance for the operating account does reflect the subtraction of the payroll to be paid on 6/17/22.

The revenue for May was \$15,667.69 and the net income was \$-1,567.27. The YTD revenue is \$72,199.00 and the YTD net income is \$-5,474.37. In comparison: The revenue for May 2021 was \$12,982.52 & net income was \$-1428.68, YTD revenue for 2021 was \$71,909.42 & YTD net income was \$7434.98.

It is important to note that \$5995.00 of the revenue recorded for May was designated for use in our ministry to assist the Buffalo neighborhood affected by the mass shooting on May 14th. This would indicate that while the Zion family continues in its willingness to help those in need, some of that income has come at the expense of other revenue lines since there was essentially no appreciable change in the income recorded for May 2021 versus May 2022.

Notable P&L events in May:

- Acct. 53410 \$415.71 - Confirmation supplies
- Acct. 54406 \$167.64 – Additional copier expense
- Acct. 54702 \$-373.00 – Refund given after our response to their audit
- Acct. 55101 \$325.97 – Custodial supplies (Ryobi blower & Church keys)
- Acct. 56001 \$258.50 – Plumbing repair in Pastor's office
- Acct. 60001 \$2978.00 – 1st & 2nd quarter payments for OWCM
- Acct. 60002 \$932.00 – 2nd quarter covenantal payment
- Acct. 60008 \$233.00 – 2nd quarter per capita charge

Motion to approve by Debby W and seconded by Elena C.

Note: It was brought up about doing visual cues and QR codes on the front screen to remind those watching or in the building about the importance of stewardship and giving so the church can continue to thrive

Trustee's Report: (Ted C.)

1. New projects- Trustees went through the list provided by Laurie and Joyce and divided it between Consistory and Trustees so it can be determined what gets fixed in what order and who is in charge of making sure it is done.
2. Security system/cameras plans being finalized this month
3. Parking lot was tabled for discussion to this month. The Town of Tonawanda will not allow more water drainage in their system so we would have to build a retention pond in the grass area when the parking lot gets redone.

Pastor's Report (Pastor Duffy)

1. Troy H, Sue Clark, and the Pastor met after worship on Sunday and decided to switch to summer worship this week 6/19. This will give our musicians and volunteers a break.
2. Sadly, Corrie Louth is retiring as the Kindergarten Sunday School Teacher. We are in search of a new teacher to take her spot. We plan to recognize her at the same time we recognize our graduating seniors.
3. Seniors: Who else is graduating this year other than Jacob Korte? Any other high school or college graduates? Pastor will be sending out an e-mail as she does not want to miss anybody who may be graduating.
4. Mission Trip planning is underway. We are sending 7 youth from Zion and 3 adults. Together with the rest of the Western Area, there will be a total of 36 of us. We will be at the Pastor's mother's church in Billerica, MA (Boston area).
5. 5k run is canceled due to the increased costs to hold a run in Tonawanda. Even with less than 50 runners, it would still cost us \$750. The youth will continue to do the breakfasts with Santa/Easter Bunny, and they'll hold a couple car washes this summer.
6. We brought in nearly \$6,000 to help Buffalo. Most of that money has been spent already. We're hoping to hold one more free food give-away And BBQ on Friday, July 1 when our General Minister and President can visit and participate. Details will be coming soon. Thank you to everyone near and far who donated, volunteered, and helped in any way!

Committee Reports:

Administration- (George)- Committee is working to find people to watch the kids during summer services and after the second service in September.

PPRC- (Jeff) -no report

Christian Education & Missions- (Edie)- Corrie Louth is retiring as the kindergarten teacher. She taught here for 23 years!

Coffee hour & Community Dinners- (Peter)- Community dinner went well this month. They served 150 dinners!

Memorials-(Mark) -Fee (\$3,850.00) for the 7 trees that were planted were taken from Memorials so presently there is a balance of \$1,408.40.

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

Health Ministry- (Debby)- Dawn's exercise classes remain popular. The last class on eating habits was well attended, and we had some positive feedback.

Environmental Ministry- (Barb, Jeff)- Children's Garden is finally planted. Thanks to Barb Miller, Pierre, Robin F., Joyce D., Ed M., and Jeff Q.

Pastoral Care Ministry Team- (Troy)- no report

Food Pantry- (Jeff and Mark)- Pantry is going strong with much help from Mark B. Had 12 people come to use the pantry this week.

Altar Guild- (Robin) – no report

New Member- (Mark)- Pastor said there will be a new class for people wanting to become new members in the Fall

Old Business:

1. Troy: Clean up church date? Specific things needed around the church. Looking into Sunday July 10 or Sunday August 7. Will speak about it at the Trustee meeting coming up
2. Strawberry Festival Update- Rob V. feels we should wait until next year due to Covid and other health concerns.

New Business:

1. Another successful chicken barbecue making \$1,860.00 and \$300.00 in the bake sale
2. Meat Raffle will be live and likely scheduled for the Fall.
3. Coffee Hour- Kathy H. is going to continue during the summer after the 9:30 am service. It will become Joan's Cookies and Conversation in memory of Joan (for the Summer)
4. Two more upcoming baptisms!

Closing prayer: In the Church, for the people, with one another. Amen.

Closing: At 8:13 pm, a motion was made to adjourn by Troy H and was approved by all.

Next Meeting: August 9th (Skip July)

Respectfully Submitted,
Debby Williams
Consistory Secretary