

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 8.09.2022

Consistory Call to Order at 7:04 pm by Troy Hengst

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

Bauer and Trustee: Ted Camp

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 Peter K. and seconded Robin F. All attending members approved.

Treasurer's Report (Ron Janiszewski)

- As of 8/3/2022 there is a balance of \$39,148.03 in the operating account and \$19,482.69 in the restricted funds account.
- The balance for the operating account does reflect the subtraction of the payroll to be paid on 8/12/22.
- The revenue for July was \$12,237.78 and the net income was \$-3893.30.
- The YTD revenue is \$99531.18, and the YTD net income is \$-6,004.01.
- In comparison: The revenue for July 2021 was \$11,306.96. The net income was \$-5,321.31. YTD revenue for 2021 was \$97,074.32. YTD net income was \$3981.71.
- The only notable P&L event in July was the fact that it was a three-payroll month. This fact was the difference maker that created the negative bottom line

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

Trustee's Report: deferred

1. Pastor Duffy did say that security cameras are being installed this week. Every entrance will have a camera pointed at it.

Pastor's Report (Pastor Duffy)

1. We had an extremely successful mission trip with the Western Area Youth to Billerica, MA, and the Boston area. Our teenagers were excellent workers with respectful behavior. We worked a lot, had some fun, and worshiped every evening (and on Sunday before coming home). These trips help encourage their faiths with our evening worships, foot washing of the seniors and the overall mission.
2. VBS was also a great success. We had 24 kids and 5 adult volunteers. The theme was "Food Truck Party", so we ended the week with an Ice Cream Truck. Thank

you to Debbie Grine, Brianna Grine, Sue Finn, and Lynn Alexander for volunteering for VBS, and thank you to Sue Clark for setting everything up for us every evening.

3. After over 20 years of teaching Sunday School, Corrie Louth is retiring from the position as Kindergarten Teacher. She has done a remarkable job all these years and we will thank her and honor her during worship on Rally Day. Note: We need a new kindergarten teacher. Even every other week would work as there is another person who is willing to do every other week. Please let Pastor know ASAP if you are interested or have questions.
4. Rally Day is September 11 at 10:30am. Taylor and Skyler made a flyer during VBS that has already been sent out. We need to decide what to order to make the day extra special. Last year we did a jumbo bounce/slide and a cotton candy machine.
5. Outdoor worship has been well received lately. She did ask one member who watches virtually to text her during the service if the volume needs adjusting. This is easier than checking things on Facebook during worship.
6. Pastor Duffy has given a tutorial to several people regarding the soundboard, and she will train Nathan Hengst with even more details since he has more experience with sound boards. This way if she is away, we will have people to make sure everything is working properly. She has also put-up instructions to problem solve at the back table of the sound board.

Old Business:

1. Church clean- up review- the clean-up day was postponed due the high heat expected that day. Another day will be decided on shortly and a sign-up sheet will be posted on the front board.

New Business:

1. Discuss worship times and coffee hour time worship times was brought up by Barbara M. She mentioned we had changed the second service to 11 am so people in charge had time to disinfect during COVID. She asked if we could start having the second service at 10:45 am (15 minutes sooner)? This time will let the choir members worship, have fellowship in Kuck Hall and even be able to practice before the second service would begin. Pastor also mentioned that she will have more time to be able to speak to people. Coffee hour would remain open until after the second service. This time change would change after Rally Day and will be announced before, so people are aware of the change. 9 am service will remain the same time.
2. Floor cleaner machines and hiring the teenagers to do some of the work around the church. Discussion was started about the cleaning of the floors. Corr Distribution came and gave a demo of one of their floor machines. Material was passed around about the machines as well as cost. It would be cheaper to purchase a machine instead of having a company do the floors weekly. It was decided that floor stripping once a year will be done by an outside company (January). This company only uses environmentally

sustainable products. It was also brought up about teaching a few of the teenage boys how to use the machine and pay them to clean and buff the floors. Barb M. made a motion to purchase this user-friendly floor cleaning machine out of Building Needs. All attending members approved the motion.

3. Zion's Cabin at Dunkirk Camp and Conference. For those that do not know, we have a cabin on-site. It was discovered that the porch has become "soft" and may break through which could injure a child or adult attending the camp. It is a liability issue and needs to be repaired. It was decided that Pastor will call and work with the other area churches who attend the camp to hire somebody to repair the steps, etc.

Committee Reports:

Administration- (George)- no report

PPRC- (Jeff) -no report

Christian Education & Missions- (Edie)- no report

Coffee hour & Community Dinners- (Peter)- Women's fellowship would like to host the October Community Dinner

Memorials-(Mark) - has \$1,408.40 presently in their budget. They had no donations this past month.

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

Health Ministry- (Debby)- no report

Environmental Ministry- the garden is producing nicely, and vegetables and herbs are being offered to our church families to take home. Barb recently attended Bidwell Farmers Market where environmental groups were set up with information on various topics. Erie County has started a new program- Climate Action. This program will send out speakers to groups to talk about various environmental issues. Barb wants these speakers to come to our church for our members and to open it up to the entire community. She will be contacting the person in charge for more information.

Pastoral Care Ministry Team- (Troy)- no report

Food Pantry- (Jeff and Mark)- was restocked today. Pantry became extremely low after a very busy Monday. Brianna Grine brought our Afghanistan refugee family to the food pantry where they enjoyed picking fresh vegetables and herbs from the garden.

Altar Guild- (Robin) – Lisa Laufer has resigned her position on Altar Guild so they need a person or two who would be interested in pairing up to help during the month of January and July. Will train!

New Member- (Mark)- no report.

Closing: At 8:47 pm, the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday September 13 at 7 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Debby Williams
Consistory Secretary