

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 9.13.2022

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

Members present: Pastor Elizabeth, Barbara Miller, Troy Hengst, Debby Williams, Robin Fowler, Mark Burr, Sarah Hanley-Cousins, Elena Camp, and Trustee, Ted Camp.

Absent: W. George Darrall, Peter Korte, Jeff Quinton, and Edie Bauer

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 Barb M. and seconded by Mark B. All attending members approved.

Treasurer's Report (Ron Janiszewski)

- As of 9/5/2022 there is a balance of \$35,468.88 in the operating account and \$19,025.17 in the restricted funds account. The balance for the operating account does reflect the subtraction of the payroll to be paid on 9/9/22.
- The revenue for August was \$9,229.03* and the net income was \$-1669.37.
- The YTD revenue is \$108,760.21 and the YTD net income is \$-7,673.38. In comparison:
- The revenue for August 2021 was \$12,423.18. The net income was \$1,669.64. YTD revenue for 2021 was \$109,497.50. YTD net income was \$5,651.35.
- The only notable P&L event in August was the fact that the August revenue reflects the subtraction of \$3,300 given to the Meat Raffle Committee to set-up a dollar change bank on the night of the raffle. This was once again the difference maker that created the negative bottom line for August.
- October will bring the Meat Raffle income.

Report was motioned for approval by Debby W. and seconded by Barb M. All attending members approved.

Trustee's Report: Ted Camp

1. They did not meet in August but are meeting this Monday 9/19
2. Working on plans for parking lot enlargement -surveys/where boundaries are. This will all have to be approved by the entire Congregation. The timeline-realistically maybe 2024 due to scoping, permits, etc.
3. Trustees have a 10-year plan of things that need to be accomplished. Congregation will decide priorities.
4. Security cameras- discussion on who will get alerted when we are notified of disturbances. Need to get motion notifications. Specific people who will have the phone app will have to practice confidentially.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Duffy

1. Pastor Duffy thought we had a great turn out for worship this summer. She wanted to thank those who helped set up when we were outside for summer worship! Rally Day attendance was not as great as she had hoped, but better than most Sundays since Covid began.
2. We had 27 Sunday School kids from Preschool-Confirmation. (Ideally, we would be in the 40s.)

3. Kim Bellavia, who lives across the street from the church, came to Pastor Duffy's office on Monday and asked if she could help put on a Trunk or Treat. They began planning and would like it to be Saturday, October 29, from 6-7:30pm. The Community dinner is that night as well (Women's fellowship putting the dinner on), but they would have cars arrive between 5:30-5:45 to set up their "trunks" so there shouldn't be much overlap. We can have people sign up to have a trunk and put cones up that separate parking from the Trunk or Treat event. (Note: Trunk or Treat is when a bunch of cars line up together and open their trunk which they can decorate and have lots of candy to pass out to young kids for Halloween. It's a good community involvement project. The congregation is invited to participate or attend the event.
4. We have an opportunity to host the Hakuna Matata Children's Choir from Kenya. You can check them out online with a quick google search. The children are all orphans and will travel with 4 adults and they will be in the area from Nov 28 (5pm)-Dec 5 (9am). There will be 15 kids ages 11-15 who would need to be hosted by 6-8 families (preferably with kids). During the day the kids and adults would be at church for their school day (they would need transportation), and in the evenings they would be with their host families. We would also need to host the 4 adults. The Duffys would be happy to host 2 of the kids (up to 4 if necessary), but we would need to find additional host families for the week. The choir would also sing in church on Sunday before leaving. They are collecting donations to build a new dormitory for the school/orphanage in Kenya. We will announce in church and have a sign-up sheet for families that can host the kids or adults, be able to help with transportation to church in the morning for their schooling and to bring to their host families after school and practice. More information will be forthcoming.
5. Pastor Duffy will be in Israel from October 18-25 (leaving the evening of the 17th to spend the night in NYC before her flight the next morning and returning to Buffalo during the late morning of Oct 25). Kalee will be preaching on October 23rd. She would also like to offer a retreat (off site at Lady of Fatima in Lewiston after church) that same day, so we think it would be best to have one service at 10am that day. Pastor Duffy will be visiting as many of the sites where Jesus walked as possible that week, and she will also be recording educational videos that she will put together and share with us after she returns home.

Old Business

1. Floor cleaner will be purchased when our contact person at CORR returns from vacation and the teens will be paid to clean the floors. We will get on a rotation for cleaning and sign up the teenagers who would like to get involved
2. Discussion about Trustees being aware of this project as Trustees would be responsible for purchasing the property and the Consistory would be responsible for the monthly cost and supplies for the machine.
3. Barb M. made a motion to ask the Trustees if we could purchase this property for the church. Ted was given the brochures and all paperwork on the machine to bring to the Trustees next meeting. Elena seconded the motion.
4. Dunkirk Camp cabin repair: Pastor Elizabeth called. Dunkirk would like to make the repairs that are needed at the Zion Cabin themselves. Pastor is the point person for them if something is needed.

New Business: none

Committee Reports:

Administration- (George)- working on childcare staffing for the second service

PPRC -no report

Christian Education & Missions- (Edie)- no report

Coffee hour & Community Dinners- (Peter)- no report

Memorials-(Mark) - has \$1,408.40 presently in their budget.

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

Health Ministry- (Debby)- Dawn has a schedule for exercise classes posted on the front board. Note the day change. A desire for a Red Cross Babysitting course has been made so we are looking into doing this in early November. More information will be made available when we have better details.

Environmental Ministry (Barb)- the garden did great although the beans did not grow- our refugee family took a lot, and some was used for the community dinners as well as vegetables that were shared with the congregation after services. Next year, they may concentrate more on peppers and tomatoes. Barb had a flyer on Climate Action. This pro-active group is proposing climate control legislation.

Pastoral Care Ministry Team- (Troy)- no report

Food Pantry- (Mark)- doing well. Have about 10-12 people every week. Have changed the time the pantry is open to 10am-noon.

Altar Guild- (Robin) –Altar Guild still needs a person or two who would be interested in pairing up to help during the month of January and July. Will train!

New Member- (Pastor)- Three people have expressed interest in joining our church, so Pastor is hoping to plan the class for some time in November.

Closing: At 8:54 pm, the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday October 11 at 7 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Debby Williams
Consistory Secretary