

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

Members present: Pastor Elizabeth, Barbara Miller, Troy Hengst, W. George Darrall, Debby Williams, Elena Camp, and Trustee, Ted Camp.

Absent: Mark Burr, 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 Elena. All attending members approved.

Treasurer's Report (Ron Janiszewski)

- As of 10/6/2022 there is a balance of \$39673.90 in the operating account and \$11,621.47 in the restricted funds account. The balance for the operating account does reflect the subtraction of the payroll to be paid on 10/7/22.
- The revenue for September was \$18,620.96 and the net income was \$1280.33. The YTD revenue is \$127,381.17 and the YTD net income is \$-6,393.05. In comparison: The revenue for September 2021 was \$16,670.49. The net income was \$4,351.71. YTD revenue for 2021 was \$126,167.99. YTD net income was \$10,003.06.
- Notable P&L events in September were the 3rd quarter payments made for the OWCM, Western Area and NY Conference per Capita totaling \$2,654.00 and Pastor's 3rd quarter FICA for \$1489.00.

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

Trustee's Report: Ted Camp

1. Waiting for the electric door order for 4 months. Doors will have new locks. Specific people will be given key fobs and others assigned people will be assigned a code to get into the locked building.
2. Stepping back for plans for parking lot enlargement due to growing increased costs. Not tabling plans entirely but will be doing project slower than originally planned. The start timeline is estimated to be 2024.
3. Looking at snow removal contracts- will vote on it at next meeting
4. The floor machine was discussed, and the decision was made to send it back to Consistory which approved the purchase of the machine.
5. Rummage Sale will be held at church on November 12.
6. Jill brought up issues with the cemetery we own in Cheektowaga. There are overturned and knocked down old grave markers. They are continuing to investigate this and what to do.
7. Exterior parking lights project is completed - Ed M.-thank you for following through on this project. A donor covered all the costs. They looked great (the parking lot was well lit!)
8. The Trustees are meeting next week

Pastor's Report - Pastor Duffy

Kalee's Member in Discernment (MID) update: Kalee has officially become a "Member in Discernment" with the Western Association's Church and Ministry (Committee on Ministry). This is the first step of the process to

become an ordained minister in our denomination. Consistory will become her “support team” and will receive a monthly update from Kalee at the beginning of Consistory meetings starting next month.

Pastor’s Report

Pastor Duffy

1. She will be away in Israel from October 17-25. While in Israel she will record a sermon that will be played during the November 13th service. She will also be away Nov 12-18 for another postponed trip from 2020.
2. Call Rev. Pierre for emergencies while she is away. 716-998-0905.
3. Kalee is preaching on October 23rd at the one service at 10am. Pastor Duffy highly recommends signing up for the retreat after the service.
4. We’re hoping to reschedule the Hakuna Matata Children’s Choir for 2023 once they have their travel visas sorted out.
5. Barb Miller asked her to do a service attendance comparison from 2019 to 2022. 2019 we were showing some record high attendance for us. It was possible to listen (later in the week) online, but that was not widely utilized. She put an estimate of 5 for weekly online attendance in 2019 to include those who may have listened online. In 2022, she can accurately check the attendance on Facebook for those who sit and watch the service for consecutive minutes (not counting those who view momentarily then leave). She did not add the podcast or YouTube viewings. The chart below is split in half so it can fit on one page. It compares the first 5 weeks of this school year starting with Rally Day. While our in-person attendance is behind (though catching up in the last two weeks), our overall attendance is higher by an average of 43. Our giving has also increased since 2019, and if we were to calculate our number of givers, she would assume that has increased too (given the increase in online donations from those who watch online). This chart shows the comparison for the start of the school year, and she will do another comparison chart at the end of the year. (Thank you, Ken MacDonald and ushers, for tracking our attendance!) *This attendance does not include Sunday School.*

	2019 9am attendance	2019 10:30am attendance	2019 Rally Day	2019 online attendance*	2019 Total Attendance
Rally Day			157	5	162
2nd week	85	70		5	160
3rd week	69	76		5	150
4th week	89	67		5	161
5th week	93	63		5	161
Average	84	69		5	158.8

2022 9am attendance	2022 10:45 attendance	2022 Rally Day	2022 online attendance**	2022 Total Attendance
		120	56	176
58	52		70	180
62	48		75	185
91	47		103	241
93	44		88	225
76	47.75		78.4	201.4

*2019 online attendance estimated to 5 weekly from those who listened to the podcast online

**2022 online totals are from facebook only (not counting youtube or podcast) based on those who watch for consecutive minutes)

Old Business:

1. Floor cleaner was purchased, and Dave has begun to use it. Currently Dave is enjoying using the floor cleaner but will let us know if he needs others to run it.

2. Dunkirk cabin update: Hoping to get the cabin updated (they will do the work with money from our account) before next Summer

New Business: none

- Committee Reports:
- Administration- (George)- no report
- PPRC -no report
- Christian Education & Missions- (Edie)- no report
- Coffee hour & Community Dinners- (Peter)- Women's Fellowship is hosting the next community dinner in October

- Memorials-(Mark) - has \$1,408.40 presently in their budget.
- Community Assistance Ministry- (Jeff)- no requests were made this month.
- Health Ministry- (Debby)- Red Cross was contacted about their Babysitting course. They need a minimum of 8 girls for us to host the class at the church. Designed primarily for youth ages 11 and older, this online course will prepare students to be better babysitters. Topics include how to provide care for infants and children; how to stay safe; what to do in an emergency; how to choose age-appropriate activities; and how to recognize and handle a variety of behaviors. Students will also learn the basics of starting a babysitting business. The course consists of six interactive modules featuring video, activities, games, and tools babysitters can use to build their knowledge and skills and manage their babysitting business. This course, which includes a final exam at the end, takes about 4 hours to complete. Students who successfully complete the course will receive a printable certificate. Price is \$45 dollars a girl. More information will be forthcoming.
- Environmental Ministry (Barb)- There is a Climate Art Contest for kids that Pastor Duffy registered our church for. More information will be forthcoming.
- Pastoral Care Ministry Team- (Troy)- Pastor mentioned that she would like the team to resume their visits, so some congregational members are visited by the team as well as the Pastor (especially in the nursing homes) at different times.
- Food Pantry- (Mark)- Have changed the time the pantry is open to 10am-noon on Mondays
- Altar Guild- (Robin) –no report
- New Member- (Pastor)- Pastor is hoping to plan the class for some time in November.

Closing: At 8:55 pm, the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday November 8 at 7 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Debby Williams
Consistory Secretary