

## Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 03.14.2023

Consistory Call to Order at 7:03 pm by Debby Williams

Members present: Pastor Elizabeth, Peter Korte, Edie Bauer, Dave Dombrowski, W. George Darrall, Elena Camp, Debby Williams, Robin Fowler, Rev. Pierre Albrecht-Carrie, Kalee Mielke and Trustee, Ted Camp.

Absent: Mark Burr, Sarah Handley-Cousins.

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

Choose a new President and Vice President- Edie B. volunteered to be President and Dave D. volunteered to be Vice President. All attending members approved

Kalee's Member in Discernment (MID) update- Kalee had a Member of Discernment Luncheon on 3/13. She will have a meeting soon with the Committee to discuss where she is on her spiritual journey and will be meeting with her advisor soon. Working on her project of bringing nursing home ministry to our church. She is busy with Hospice Niagara, working at Northgate and doing home visits. She is studying Isaiah and will be preaching on it to the congregation in April.

Approval Of Consistory Meeting Minutes - motioned for approval by Peter K. and seconded by George D. All attending members approved.

### Treasurer's Report (Ron Janiszewski)

- As of 03/03/2023 there is a balance of \$47,628.71 in the operating account and \$16,554.37 in the restricted funds account. The payroll for 03/04/23 is already accounted for in this balance.
- The revenue for February is \$12,149.77 and the net income is \$-3,907.98. In comparison: The revenue for February 2022 was \$13,779.60. The net income for February 2022 was \$-293.21. YTD revenue for 2023 is \$33,033.40. YTD income for 2023 is \$553.07. In comparison the YTD revenue for 2022 was \$27,983.62 and the net income was \$1411.93.

- Notable P&L events in February: Expense of Pastor's FICA \$1489.00. There was also an expense of \$2421.00 for quarterly payments to the UCC.

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

### Trustee's Report: Ted Camp

1. Congregation was update during congregational meeting
2. Projects they are working on
  - a. Working on camera angles to get them where the view is best
  - b. Parking lot survey-engineering team did a walk-through of the grounds  
Note-barrier right now is cost of asphalt
  - c. Window blind project was completed at a cost of \$3,600 with free installation
  - d. Blizzard reaction and prep-identifying needs in case of emergency
  - e. Generator coming this week. Motion for approve generator was made by Dave D. and seconded by Rev. Pierre. All attending members approved.
  - f. Formal document being worked on of what Consistory and Trustee duties are. As it will be in writing, it will prove accountability to the congregation and be flexible if changes are needed in the future

### Pastor's Report - Pastor Duffy

1. Lent & Holy Week plans
  - a. Tuesday Lenten Studies on the Via Dolorosa (Stations of the Cross), 6pm during Lent in the Sanctuary. (Not on March 21st, since Pastor Duffy will be away)
  - b. Maundy Thursday, April 6, 7pm
  - c. Good Friday, April 7th, church open for Stations of the Cross and Labyrinth
  - d. Good Friday, KenTon Youth Vigil at Zion, 7-10pm
  - e. Holy Saturday, April 8th: Youth will host fundraiser (Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt)
  - f. Easter Sunday: April 9th

2. Pastor Duffy will be looking for volunteers to help delivery of flowers before Easter. (Wednesday April 5). She will put the notice for help in the upcoming Zionite.
3. Pastor Duffy has her final event with the Next Generation Leadership Initiative in Arizona from March 21-24. This finishes up her 10 years of continued training with NGLI. She will be back Friday morning.
4. She will be away the Sunday after Easter - Kalee will be preaching on Isaiah (text she's currently studying in school).
5. The Youth Group is heading north to Massena, NY for the mission trip this July

### Old Business:

1. Upcoming Committee Night: May 9th, 7-9pm, Consistory to meet briefly at 6:30pm. Ted will announce in church.
2. Continue to look at pictures for the Overflow Room.
3. NRC Appreciation Dinner: Network is finalizing plans this coming week so more information will be coming

### New Business:

#### 1. Sacristy renovations

- a. Discussion occurred about what the Altar Guild would need and why.
- b. The decision was to have Altar Guild meet and discuss needs and formulate plans to present to Consistory and Trustees.

2. Pastor Elizabeth read our constitution notes about the breakdown of financial responsibilities between Consistory and Trustees and that Consistory's duties are the day-to-day maintenance of the church, so it runs smoothly while trustees are responsible for the physical aspect of making sure the church runs smoothly and safely.

3. Discussion made about getting new members for Women's Fellowship and restarting Men's Fellowship. Announcements will be made about this.

### Committee Reports:

- Administration (George)- no report
- PPRC (George) -no report
- Christian Education & Missions (Edie)- children are participating in the One Great Hour of Sharing Project
- Coffee hour & Community Dinners (Peter)- Dinners are going well and Ted brought up that some new coffee machines needed to be purchased to replace the older ones (one is broken)
- Memorials-(Mark) – no report
- Community Assistance Ministry- (Dave D.)- no report
- Health Ministry- (Debby)- Hospice Buffalo and Palliative Care representative will be coming Saturday March 25 11am -12 noon to talk about their many programs. It will continue to be announced in church. Hoping for more interest. The Babysitting course by Epic Trainings will be offered to kids 11 years and older on April 29th from 10-3. Working with the con Alzheimer Association to come and speak on the subject and what services they provide. Will all be advertised in the Zionite and announced in church as well.
- Environmental Ministry (Rev Pierre)- The church received a grant of \$2,500 to hire a youth interested in assisting in the summer gardens. Nathan expressed interest in this, and the grant money will be used to pay his PT salary for the Summer.
- Pastoral Care Ministry Team (Kalee)- Note: Kailee's plans for the nursing home ministry- in development stage
- Food Pantry- (Mark)- doing great; they have about 11-15 regulars coming every week
- Altar Guild- (Robin) –was a covered in New Business. Sue House will be told the results of what was discussed so she can plan a meeting.
- New Member- (Pastor)- Pastor Duffy said a few people are interested in transferring to our church and become new members
- Network of Religious Communities (Rev. Pierre)- meeting to be held this coming week so no report

Closing: At 8:55 pm, the meeting was called to adjourn by Debby W and seconded by George D. The rest of the group approved.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debby Williams  
Consistory Secretary