

## Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 06.13.2023

Consistory Call to Order at 7:03 pm by Edie Bauer

Members present: Pastor Elizabeth, Dave Dombrowski, Edie Bauer, Robin Fowler, Debby Williams, Kalee Mielke and Trustee, Ted Camp.

Absent: Mark Burr, W. George Darrall, Elena Camp, Rev. Pierre Albrecht-Carrie Sarah Handley-Cousins, and Peter Korte

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 Dave D. and seconded by Kalee. All attending members approved.

Treasurer's Report (Ron Janiszewski)

Motioned for approval by Dave D. and seconded by Kalee. All attending members approved.

- As of 06/03/2023 there is a balance of \$54,243.65 in the operating account and \$18,882.84 in the restricted funds account.

The revenue for May was \$17,449.74 and the net income was \$-2,555.53. In comparison: The revenue for May 2022 was \$15,667.69. The net income for April 2022 was \$-1,567.27. YTD revenue for 2023 is \$87,066.21. YTD income for 2023 is \$6,277.18. In comparison the YTD revenue for 2022 was \$72,790.58 and the net income was \$-5,474.37.

Notable P&L events in May:

- Treasurers Supplies: Computer \$749.99, External HD \$70.68
- Stewardship Supplies: CWS kits & supplies \$1,412.38
- NY Conference meeting \$689.35
- NRC Appreciation Dinner \$1180.00
- Quarterly fees to OWCM & NY Conference \$2393.50
- Pastor's Quarterly FICA \$1489.00

Kalee's Member in Discernment (MID) update:

Preparing for future sermons

Two other churches have asked her to come and teach them how to make crosses in a class like she did here at Zion

Start nursing home visits soon- volunteers will get badges for identification

Working on another retreat in the Fall possibly at Niagara Falls

At her recent Discernment meeting the Committee on Ministry asked her the question as to why she was going for ordination since she had expressed she wanted to be a Chaplain. She is

pondering the answer to give them and told them how much she has learned here at Zion since starting.

#### Trustee's Report: Ted Camp

1. Parking lot: condition did worsen over Winter. Will do some patching. They had a meeting to get permits for the lot reconstruction with the Town Board. Will go out to bid this Winter with plans to redo the lot in the Spring of 2024.
2. Trustees welcomes new member, Jacob Korte
3. Chicken Barbecue to be held June 30. It is a fundraiser for the church so come out and support!
4. New business: The large cross out front needs to be fixed. Preliminary costs to prepare and repaint and any structural work if needed were discussed. Discussion about removing it if it is a liability.

Pastor Duffy went on record saying unless it is a liability, she does not want it removed unless it can be replaced since it is a symbol of this church.

#### Pastor's Report

- NY Conference Annual Meeting is this weekend in Niagara Falls. The Western Association is hosting, which means our Pastor is the host moderator. She has been extremely busy working on this, but she will be finished with all this extra work once the weekend is over. Also - thank you to Nicolle Beatty who is representing Zion singing in the choir on Friday night, thank you to Doug King and Debbie Grine for serving as our church's delegates, and thank you to Cyle Pollutro for making shirts for volunteers for the event.
- Pastor Duffy is currently planning two mission trips: one that is staying here from Billerica the week of July 10, and our WAY mission trip heading to Massena the week of July 17.
- Summer Worship starts June 25. We will worship outside on Contemporary Sundays when the weather permits.
- Summer office hours will differ by the week - call her cell phone if I'm not in the office- 955-9180.
- We're welcoming 8 to 9 new members on our New Member Sunday, July 3rd!
- VBS signup is live at [www.zionuccton.com/VBS](http://www.zionuccton.com/VBS) it will run August 7-11. 9-noon- will need teenage and adult volunteers

#### Old Business:

1. Continue to look at pictures for the Overflow Room-George
2. Sacristy renovations-Laurie M and Marge J will be working on report

## New Business

1. Musicians would like two new microphones for the piano. The cost of two of their preferred microphones is \$120. Dave D made motion to purchase the two microphones, Edie seconded the motion. All attending members approved. Pastor Duffy will order them.

## Committee Reports

- Administration – no report
- PPRC- no report
- Christian Education & Missions- kids just had successful program. There will be Mission events throughout the year
- Church Life + Community Dinners- Barbecue will be the next community dinner
- Memorials- \$3,183.40 are in the account
- Community Assistance Ministry-no report
- Health Ministry -no report
- Environmental Ministry- need new dirt for other garden bed
- Pastoral Care Ministry Team- 8 people are signed up for nursing home visits and classes that will be taught by Kailee. Information has been in Zionite. All are welcome
- Food Pantry- needs some restocking
- Altar Guild- plans will be coming to Consistory on the changes the Altar Guild would like to make to the Sacristy to update, organize and improve the function of the room
- New Member- 8 to 9 new members for July 3 service
- Network of Religious Communities- had appreciation dinner where several Zion members were honored. Pastor Duffy was asked to be interviewed about religious freedom by the show, Kaleidoscope.

Closing: At 8:06 pm, the meeting was called to adjourn by Debby W and seconded by Dave D. The rest of the group approved.

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

Next Meeting: August 8th (no meeting in July)

Respectfully Submitted,

Debby Williams

Consistory Secretary

