

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 09.12.2023

Consistory Call to Order at 7:08 pm by Dave Dombrowski

Members present: Pastor Elizabeth, Dave Dombrowski, Elena Camp, Debby Williams, Rev. Pierre Albrecht-Carrie, Robin Fowler and Sarah Handley-Cousins and Trustee, Ted Camp.

Absent: Mark Burr, Edie Bauer, W. George Darrall, Kalee Mielke

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 Pierre. and seconded by Ted. All attending members approved.

Treasurer's Report (Ron Janiszewski)

- As of 09/02/2023 there is a balance of \$44,833.01 in the operating account and \$17,335.81 in the restricted funds account.
- The balance in the operating account also includes the 9/8/2023 payroll.
- The revenue for August was \$12,910.34 and the net income was \$-4867,.74.
- In comparison: The revenue for August 2022 was \$9,229.03. The net income for August 2022 was \$-1,609.37. YTD revenue for 2023 is \$129,148.78. YTD income for 2023 is \$-1,777.47.
- In comparison the YTD revenue for 2022 was \$109,351.79 and the net income was \$-7,673.38.

The notable P&L events in August were:

Account 51710 Pastor's FICA - (quarterly cost) \$1489.00

Account 52560 Envelopes - \$434.33 (annual cost)

60000 Accounts - Quarterly payments to the UCC \$2393.50

Motion for approval by Debby. and seconded by Robin. All attending members approved.

Kalee's Member in Discernment (MID)

Hi everyone,

I have class every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 PM. I will not be able to join our meetings until January. This semester I am taking 2 courses at Northeastern Seminary:

- Being in the Story
- Spiritual Formation
- In Hospice I have been continuing to have a very full caseload. I have been leading funerals for some of my patients. I am very grateful that Elizabeth and I can work together for Bob Wattam's funeral. My mentor, Rev. Dale, has arranged that I work with Ron Lourdes for a few meetings to learn about another UCC church. I will be attending a few worship services and Leadership meetings in the upcoming months.
- Retreat at Niagara Falls on Sept. 30th
- Pastoral Care
- Continue with monthly classes
- Enneagram will be September 20th

Trustee's Report: Ted Camp

1. Parking lot - first construction RFP (request for proposal) has been put out
2. Zion scholarship- working through the wording
3. There is a new bottle filler in the water foundation in Kuch Hall
4. Cemetery repairs- 70 stones are being repaired

Pastor's Report

1. Check the latest newsletter for all upcoming events.
2. Two baptisms upcoming. One on September 24th, the other October 3.
3. Rally Day was a success - the count was 142 (and 29 kids). Pastor did cancel the bounce house since it was supposed to rain and put that money

towards games and prizes. Of course, it didn't end up raining after all. Next year we'll be able to utilize the games again and get a bounce house if the weather is good.

4. We're looking for people to sign up for two things for the youth retreat:
 - a. Listening workshop on the morning of October 14th.
 - b. Halloween Happening cabin at Dunkirk the evening of October 14. We are also looking for donations of candy and Halloween decorations
5. 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat is on the calendar. Sign up for a "trunk" [online](http://www.zionuccton.com/TOT) at www.zionuccton.com/TOT
6. Our outdoor sign is not able to be updated (again). In July the receiver on the sign stopped working. The company replaced the internal receiver piece and it worked again, however now the outer receiver piece is dead. The company came out right away and they ordered the replacement (they're waiting for that to come in). They apologized for not replacing both pieces at the same time.

Old Business:

1. Possible overflow pictures will be looked at soon.
2. Sacristy renovation is in process - thanks Laurie!

New Business

1. Ask people to start wearing their name badges again
2. Discussion about church directory. Breeze online has the updated and completer church directory. May need pictures updated though. Discussion about having a Breeze tutorial so all members can learn how to access it.

Committee Reports

- Administration – no report
- PPRC- no report

- Christian Education & Missions- Rally Day was successful. Classes are fully staffed. Mission projects are planned out for the year
- Church Life + Community Dinners- Sept 30 is next dinner (pasta dish is planned). Trying to get ready to plan for Thanksgiving community dinner November 25
- Memorials: Donations to the Memorial Fund were made in August for George Drescher. Current balance: \$4183.40
- Community Assistance Ministry- no report
- Health Ministry no report -
- Environmental Ministry- no report
- Pastoral Care Ministry Team- people (home bound and living in nursing homes or assisted living facilities) are now being visited more often by the team
- Food Pantry- funds are short. Donations are needed. Motion by Debby and seconded by Elena to move \$500 into food pantry account (all attending members approved)
- Altar Guild- Laurie working on renovations. Room has been cleaned out, painted and shelves will be in shortly.
- New Member- hoping for one more class by the end of the year
- Network of Religious Communities-no report. Meeting is this Thursday (9/14)

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

Next Meeting: October 10th at 7 pm

Closing: At 8:02 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Debby Williams

Consistory Secretary

