

## Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 11.14.2023

Consistory Call to Order at 7:09 pm by Edie Bauer

Members present: Dave Dombrowski, Elena Camp), Debby Williams, Rev. Pierre Albrecht-Carrie, Edie Bauer, W. George Darrall, Robin Fowler, and Trustee: Ted Camp

Absent: Pastor Elizabeth, Sarah Handley-Cousins, and Kalee Mielke

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

Approval Of Consistory Meeting Minutes - motioned for approval by Dave and seconded by Pierre. All attending members approved.

### Treasurer's Report

1. As of 11/4/2023 there is a balance of \$43,196.96 in the operating account and \$17,474.32 in the restricted funds account.
2. The revenue for October was \$12,811.59. The net income was \$806.00. In comparison: The revenue for October 2022 was \$25,812.66. The net income for October 2022 was \$13,449.71. YTD revenue for 2023 is \$152,358.77. YTD income for 2023 is \$-4172.26. In comparison the YTD revenue for 2022 was \$153,785.44 and the net income was \$7,056.66.
3. Ron thinks it is important that we are planning on how we are going to address the added expense of the insurance premiums we are taking over from the Trustees. This is a significant amount of revenue and will cause a serious drain on the bank account balance if we do not address this expense beyond the first year. Other large unplanned expenses will occur in a building as old as ours. A perfect example is the current work being done on the heating system. The final bill is sure to fall under the category of significant unplanned expense.

Note: Discussion began about this added expense and will be ongoing

4. There were notable P&L events in October.

### Kalee's Member in Discernment (MID)

- 1 She continues to love Hospice ministry and have a full schedule with visits.
- 2 She is excited to preach on Nov. 19th.
- 3 Her 2 seminary classes have been a mixture of challenging and transformational.
- 4 She just recently signed up for her last 2 classes and graduate from Northeastern Seminary on May 18th.
- 5 Pastoral Care classes here at Zion have been a great blessing
- 6 She is looking forward to the crafting class on Wednesday, Dec. 6th at 4:00 PM.
- 7 She is also looking forward to AnnMarie teaching the Breads Class on December 9th.

### Trustee's Report: Ted Camp

1. They have not met since the last Consistory meeting in October

2. Did have the Congregational meeting where the parking lot project was approved
3. They did approve the Nick Lund Landscaping Company for snowplowing lots and sidewalks. There was a price increase.

#### Pastor's Report (Pastor Duffy)

1. We will be participating in a joint Blue Christmas Service at Church of the Nativity on Monday, December 18th, at 7pm. This will be a joint event by the Ken-Ton Clergy Association.
2. Pastor Duffy will be gone until November 19th. Kalee is on call.
3. We will set dates for recording the Christmas Pageant once she gets back.
4. Breakfast with Santa is on the calendar for the youth group fundraiser for December 16th.
5. Christmas Eve we will have 3 services since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday.
6. We'll have morning worship for the 4th Sunday of Advent at 10am. This will have an Advent litany, choir, and hymn sing.
7. We'll have Traditional Music at the 5pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and the Praise Band will lead our 7pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.
8. Thank you SO MUCH to the PBJs! We are truly blessed to have a wonderful fundraising group!

#### Old Business:

1. Overflow pictures- still working on it

#### New Business

1. When is church being decorated for Christmas? Debby will check with Dave D. to see if he knows anything about date so we can announce on Sunday that we need help decorating.
2. Cross was removed from other church and transferred to Zion. Plan is to be placed on the Parker side of the building.

#### Committee Reports

- Administration – no report
- PPRC- no report
- Christian Education & Missions- Sue Clark said attendance is sporadic. Halloween was good. She is working on pageant with the Pastor. For Missions, the cat donations were received by the non-profit. Calendars are continuing to come in. Tony Fuller will be taking them to Veteran's Hospital. Next project is the ARC tags which will be ready for distribution soon.
- Church Life + Community Dinners- we can use more volunteers to volunteer their time (there are time slots to fill) for the next Community dinner. Ted and Rick will be cooking turkeys. We need volunteers to make stuffing, mash potatoes and gravy. Need a couple roaster pans. Ted will announce this on Sunday as we need volunteers for set up, serving and clean-up as well.

- George offered to help.
- Memorials: Donations to the Memorial Fund were made in October for Mary Mueller and Ren. Total is \$4,534.40.
  - Community Assistance Ministry- no report
  - Health Ministry no report -
  - Environmental Ministry- no report
  - Pastoral Care Ministry Team- meeting coming up.
  - Food Pantry- Women's fellowship will be assisting the pantry for their December project
  - Altar Guild- no report
  - New Member- no report
  - Network of Religious Communities- they are working on a project concerning growing drug abuse and related deaths and will be mounting a campaign which will come to our church eventually

Debby made a motion to close meeting. Elena seconded it and all attending members approved.

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

Next Meeting: December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

Closing: At 7:58 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debby Williams  
Consistory Secretary