

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 01.09.2024

Consistory Call to Order at 7:08 pm by Edie Bauer

Due to weather, meeting was on Google Meet. Members present: Pastor Elizabeth, Dave Dombrowski, Elena Camp, Debby Williams, Rev. Pierre Albrecht-Carrie, Kalee Mielke, Edie Bauer and Trustee, Ted Camp and, W. George Darrall, and Robin Fowler

Absent: Sarah Handley-Cousins, and Rev. Pierre Albrecht-Carrie

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

Treasurer's Report

- As of 1/6/2024 there is a balance of \$50,449.23 in the operating account and \$13482.54 in the restricted funds account.
- The revenue for December was \$12,525.26. The net income was \$-10,448.35. In comparison: The revenue for December 2022 was \$20,052.42. The net income for December 2022 was \$-1991.94. YTD revenue for 2023 was \$188,362.91. YTD income for 2023 was \$-8021.37. In comparison the YTD revenue for 2022 was \$190,118.73 and the net income was \$8790.08.
- The notable P&L events in December were:
- December was a 3-payroll month. This accounts for an additional \$4,500.00 in expense
- 54701 Property Insurance - This \$3,677.75 was for the payment due January 1st. Since this expense is falling back under the general budget, this expense line will have to be added to the budget with the full cost of \$14,711.00 for 2024.
- 54502 Treasurer Supplies - \$705.79 was for the annual renewal of the QuickBooks product
- We did end the year in the negative. This is not catastrophic since we have enjoyed several good years of surplus. However, as he mentioned previously this year, we must remain very cognizant of the fact that we are adding \$14,711.00 in expense for the insurance premium. A plan will need to be put in place to help absorb this expense or we will very rapidly deplete our funds.
- The donations for Christmas Eve will not be reflected till the January financials since they were not actually deposited until January 2, 2024.

Kalee's Member in Discernment (MID)

- She is mentoring a student in CEE program who is interested in hospice pastoral care.
- She is taking her last two classes: preaching and Being Mission. She will graduate May 18,2024
- Meeting with John Lord about preaching at his church a few times.
- She is helping with a funeral this Friday 1/12.
- She is bringing Enzo, her dog to Hospice visits and has plans to get him certified to become a therapy dog so he can become a Hospice visitation dog.

Trustee's Report: Ted Camp

- Trustees did not meet in December.

- It was mentioned at new member meeting on 1/9 about getting additional television or larger ones for services. Ted will bring it up at next Trustees meeting.

Pastor's Report (Pastor Duffy)

- Had new member orientation on Monday 1/08. We have 11 new people who want to become members. January 21st will be the services when they become members of our church and Maddie will be baptized that day as well.
- A picture was donated that has Jesus with children. It was donated by Ron Hewitt's family and is currently hanging in the Children's Nursery
- Ted mentioned about pledge cards/stewardship and Pastor Duffy discussed about printing them in the bulletins and having Ted announce the pledge cards/stewardship.
- Bible study during Lent-TBA
- Ash Wednesday is February 14
- Annual Mission trip is being planned for July. Going to Michigan. Youth group retreat is planned for February.
- Jr. Way is having a Carnival Day March 9 from 9:30-11:30 am at Ebenezer UCC Church 630 Main Street in West Seneca. All children K-6 are welcomed to attend.
- Sr. Way (young adults) are planning their mission trip for next year and will be working with Habitat for Humanity.

Current Business

- Spent most of meeting going over upcoming budget line by line with discussion after each line item. Will continue to look it over and discuss it again next month. Will need to be presented to Trustees before Annual Meeting.

Committee Reports

- Administration – no report
- PPRC- no report
- Christian Education & Missions- Sue Clark said kids are starting Valentines for the Veterans at the VA Hospital. ARC Project was very successful. Our church helped 16 children have a happy Christmas. Gift cards were collected for Plymouth Crossroads as well.
- Church Life + Community Dinners- Need more volunteer bakers for Coffee Hour. Community dinners are solid. The chicken parmesan dinner was a big hit.
- Memorials: Donations to the Memorial Fund were made in December for Mary Mueller, Margaret Goerss and Ron Hewitt. Total is \$5,488.40.
- Community Assistance Ministry- no report

- **Health Ministry - Purchased a Life Vac Choking Device for kids and adults. It is in yellow labeled bag at the First Aid Station across from the woman's restroom. Includes masks for children and adults. Ted mentioned about purchasing another one for the kitchen. Will be investigated.**
- **Environmental Ministry- planted milkweed seeds for butterflies**
- **Pastoral Care Ministry Team- Will be going to see the next part of The Chosen in February. Information will be in the Zionite. Group will start meeting again the first Wednesday of the month and will be accessing who they are visiting. Information will be in Zionite.**
- **Food Pantry- over \$1,300 was collected by the congregation when asked for assistance. Thank you to the volunteers who have signed up to help for the 2-hour shifts on Tuesdays. The sign-up sheet is on the front bulletin board.**
- **Altar Guild- no report**
- **New Member- 11 new members will become members on January 21**
- **Network of Religious Communities- no report**

Old Business:

1. **None.**

New Business

- **Need to look to see when the Consistory and Trustee member's term end.**
- **Pastor Duffy wants to send out survey on what congregation would like for Christmas Eve service for next year. She would like a Lesson and Carol Service. Needs to talk to our musicians first before she sends it out.**

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: February 13th at 7 pm

Closing: At 8:52 pm

**Respectfully Submitted,
Debby Williams
Consistory Secretary**