

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 04.10.2024

Consistory Call to Order at 7:06 pm by Edie Bauer

Consistory Members present: Pastor Elizabeth, Dave Dombrowski, Elena Camp, Debby Williams, Edie Bauer, Robin Fowler, Kalee Mielke, Rev. Pierre Albrecht-Carrie

Consistory Members Absent: W. George Darrall, Bob Sedota, John Pauling

Trustees Present: James Cousins, Ted Camp, Brianna Grine, Laurie Mittlefehldt, Ed Miller, Dave Dubbert, Jacob Korte, Jill Fowler

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

Joint Meeting with Trustees

- There was a joint brainstorming meeting with the Trustees tonight with the primary discussion being about growth and vision for our church moving forward. Note: More discussion about ideas will be done during our regular meeting next month.

Treasurer's Report (Ron Janiszewski)

- As of 4/1/2024 there is a balance of \$44,373.65 in the operating account and \$18,800.55 in the restricted funds account. The operating account balance takes into consideration the payroll for 4/5/24.
- The revenue for March was \$17,655.18. The net income was \$-2984.00. In comparison: The revenue for March 2023 was \$22,177.14. The net income for March 2023 was \$6,003.29. YTD revenue for 2024 is \$55,200.65. YTD net income for 2024 is \$1,953.78. In comparison the YTD revenue for 2023 was \$55,210.54 and the net income was \$6,556.36.

The notable P&L events in March were:

51710 Pastor's FICA \$351.86

51720 Pastor's Pension \$1350.94

52410 Music Worship \$\$280.00 (annual copyright lic.)

52000 Worship Exp. Other \$342.00 (annual streaming & song select lic.)

54700 Property Insurance \$3,677.75

60001 OWCM \$1,300.00 (1st qtr. Payment)

60002 Western Area \$904.00 (1st qtr. Payment)

60008 NY Conference Per Capita \$282.50 (1st qtr. Payment)

There is a significant difference between the 2023 & 2024 YTD figures. Please remember that this year the Consistory agreed to take on half of the property insurance payments. We have now met that obligation with the payment we made this month.

Kalee's Member in Discernment (MID) No report

Pastor's Report

- Thank you for honoring my vacation and giving me the week off. It was good to simply rest and spend time with family.
- Jane Turner passed away on Monday, funeral to be determined. Note: Jane's memorial will be at Perna Dengler and Roberts Funeral Home in Williamsville on May 25 in the afternoon.
- Thank you to the Women's Fellowship for arranging baskets and making Easter Basket and Flower deliveries on Good Friday. I know how much our people appreciated it!

- Please consider signing up for the Listening Workshop and/or the Better Together worship/fellowship event. Signups are on the bulletin board. Note: The Listening Workshop has been postponed till a later date.
- We're holding a special youth group this month at Nativity together with the youth group program organized by the Buffalo Peacemakers on April 19th.

Committee Reports

- Christian Education & Missions (Edie)- no report
- Cemetery (Debby)- no report
- Health Ministry (Debby)- The Zion UCC Tonawanda Health Ministry is hosting a representative who specializes in Elder Law on Saturday April 27 from 10 am- noon at church. ***It is free for everyone.*** An Elder Law attorneys will be addressing long-term care and estate planning needs of everyone based on his or her unique situation.

They can answer tax questions, and plan strategies for obtaining disability, Social Security, Medicaid, and Medicare payments. Their services are useful for health and long-term care planning, as well as end-of-life planning decisions and instances of elder abuse. Thank you to Lynn Alexander for organizing this. Please plan on attending. Park out in the street if the parking lot reconstruction project has been started.

Thank you to the congregation for turning in their Dash receipts to help with the Health Ministry needs and support for their programs. We just deposited \$225.00 because of your wonderful support!

- Altar Guild (Robin)- Laurie Mittlefeldt will be co-chairing with Sue House
- Memorials (George)- Edie stated there is \$5,913.40 in account.
- PPRC/Admin (George)- no report
- Community Assistance Ministry (Dave)- no report
- New Member (Dave)- no report
- Environmental Ministry (Pierre)- no report
- Network of Religious Communities (Pierre)- no report
- Community Dinners (Bob)- April's dinner is hosted by women's Fellowship. Sign up online to help.
- Food Pantry (John)-no report
- Coffee Hour (Ted)- no report
- Fundraising Stewardship, Outreach, and Fundraising (John)- total made for basket raffle fundraiser was \$5,725.00

Anything Else?

1. We purchased the domain: www.zionucc.com. We will begin the transitioning to the new domain. We will keep the old domain for a while (redirecting to the new one) after the transition is made. Thank you to the Men's Fellowship for purchasing the new domain.
2. Ken Voght (retired IRS agent and church member) has begun the church audit.
3. New T-shirts will be created for purchase. Pastor will be talking to Cyle Pollutro about the design.
4. Dave mentioned that Men's Fellowship has been restarted and is being added to the Breeze calendar.

The motion to close the meeting was made by Dave, seconded by Elena and all attending members agreed.

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

Next Meeting: May 14 at 7 pm Closing: 9:24 pm Respectfully Submitted, Debby Williams, Consistory Secretary