

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 08.14.2024

Call to Order: 7:01pm by Edie Bauer

Members present: Pastor Elizabeth, Elena Camp, W. George Darrall, Robin Fowler, Kalee Mielke, Pierre Albrecht-Carrie, Dave Dombrowski, Bob Sedota, Edie Bauer, John Pauling, Debby Williams and Ted Camp (Trustees)

Devotion and Lord's Prayer: Pastor Elizabeth

Approval of Consistory Meeting Minutes: Motioned for approval was made by Debby and seconded by Elena. All attending members approved.

Treasurer's Report:

●As of 8/2/2024 there is a balance of \$52,956.13 in the operating account and \$8,645.67 in the restricted funds account. The operating account balance takes into consideration the payroll for 8/9/24.

●The revenue for July was \$20,459.95. The net income was \$9268.54 In comparison: The revenue for July 2023 was \$16,269.06. The net income for July 2023 was \$3,604.37. The YTD income for 2024 is \$122,653.76 and the net income is \$10,354.20. The 2023 YTD was \$116,238.44 and the net income was \$3090.27.

Kalee's Member in Discernment (MID):

●As of September 1st, Kalee will be starting PT as Pastor of the First Congregational Church in Niagara Falls and PT as Chaplain at Hospice Niagara.

● She is still a member here at Zion and will be here for Consistory and for other events.

●September 25, she will be preaching at St. Paul's on Shawnee Road

●Kalee's Pastoral Care Team Updates: will be meeting September 4 and have a session on how the teachings are going

Approve adding Marcel to Trustees

●Discussion about waiving the two year requirement since marcel has been participating in church activities and worship for fourteen years.

●It was decided that Consistory would conditionally approve this with the final approval to be made at the annual congregational meeting. Pierre made a motion to approve, and John seconded. All attending were approved unanimously.

●A proposal was made to possibly reword the bylaw- will think of how Consistory wants it worded and will vote and discuss it more next month.

●It was recommended to review proposals in regards to language for membership to be on one of the Zion's boards in the future.

Pastor's Report:

● Pastor will be away August 22-27 for Trevor and her anniversary. Kalee will be on call and Pastor Elizabeth's mom will preach that Sunday.

● November 17 will be Stewardship Sunday and lay preacher, Angie Staniszewski, will be preaching on the importance of Stewardship.

● Rally Day is September 8 with 10am worship followed by lunch and festivities. This is the kickoff to Sunday school.

● Two services resume Sept 15. 9 & 10:45am.

● We're looking forward to a great week of VBS! So far, we have 20 children registered and some youth volunteers planning to help.

Trustee's Report (Ted):

●Thank you to Laurie M and team who painted the Narthex and had new carpeting placed.

●Working on Vision plan for future projects

●Environmental committee has been asked to come up with their vision for the mound and grass area outside from lot to Koenig.

●Scholarship awards were sent out to recipients

●Kuch Hall will be having a new look with fresh paint (different color). Marcel is the team leader for this project.

●Projects being discussed are the sidewalk replacement on our property that need it. A canopy (weather rated) that will be put up from Spring-Fall for outside worship area and will provide additional room for fundraising activities' needs to be in ADA compliance in that area by the doors. ●A question was asked about a possible chancel space outside.

●Pew cushion project ongoing.

●Overview of the mound; plans call for plants that are low maintenance with a comprehensive grander plan of the future use of the space next to the parking lot. They will continue to work with the Environmental Committee on this plan.

●The Consistory officially named the outdoor mound, Mount Zion.

Fundraising, Stewardship, and Outreach (John)

●Rummage sale meeting was held last week. It will be held November 9 from 9am-1 pm.

●They will be looking for volunteers to set up, sort and help the day of the event.

●There will be no meat raffle this year due to a scheduling conflict. It will be back next year.

●Stewardship Sunday will be November 17.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education (Edie) - VBS August 19-23. Campfire theme

Missions (Edie)- No updates

Health Ministry (Debby)- We will be restarting monthly blood pressure checks the first Sunday of the month in between services. This will start the first Sunday in October.

Our first class is on Saturday August 24 from 9-11- A representative from the Erie County Health Department will be here to discuss opioid addiction in our community and ways we may be able to help. Narcan will be demonstrated and given to all attending participants.

2024/2025 Class Schedule is:

(All classes are free to church members and community unless

otherwise noted in description)

- Saturday August 24 Narcan Training, Erie County Health Department, 9-11 am
- Saturday September Heart Health, TBD, Dr. Andre K speaking
- Saturday October 12 CPR Certification, 3pm- 5 pm, \$45.00 (Cash only please)
certified trainer -certification is good for 2 years
- November Emergency Preparedness, TBD
- December- no classes

- Saturday January 11, 9-11am, Medicare Information Class (a Medicare representative)
- Saturday February 8, 9-11:30am, Dealing w/
- Grief (Kalee) and Loneliness (an Erie County presenter)
- Saturday March 8, 10-11am, Mental Health Class by the Mental Health Advocates
- Saturday April TBD Nutrition Class
- Saturday May TBD Active Shooter Workshop (Town of Tonawanda Police Department)

The Ministry team has so many great ideas and is hard at work making sure we are lined up with great topics and speakers for the future. They are also working on having a Congregational Healthy Recipe Cookbook where we ask for healthy recipes from members that would like to contribute. The book will be printed and sold for a small donation that will go back to church activities. More coming on that in the new year.

Altar Guild (Robin)- No report

Memorials (George)- Received one donation for Luke (the neighborhood boy who was hit by a car and sadly passed away)

- o Current balance in account is \$3,918.40

PPRC/Admin (George)- No report

Community Assistance Ministry (Dave)-Committee did approve money to be given to a member that needed assistance

New Member (Dave)- spoke about some possible new members coming from another church. They are already attending our worship services now. It was mentioned how well the Listening Workshop was earlier in the month with members old and new getting to know each other better. Pastor got great feedback on event so plans are to have another one in the future.

Environmental Ministry (Pierre)- discussed working on the plans with the Trustees for the mound and surrounding area.

Network of Religious Communities (Pierre)- No report

Community Dinners (Bob)-Last one we had went well, grilled meats leftover from Strawberry Festival. 150 dinners were passed out. Had great support with volunteers.

Food Pantry (John)- We have been well stocked for the last two weeks thanks to congregational support.

Coffee Hour (Ted)- As we approach Fall, Gaye and Ted will be switching to Coffee Hour inside

Old Business

- Ken Voght is waiting for a few more items before finalizing the budget and will meet with the Consistory and Trustees to discuss results. Thank you to Ken V for all his hard work on preparing the audit of this church. Dave made a motion for our next meeting that we invite the Trustees and Ken Voght to discuss his results and then to work on the Consistory Handbook afterwards. Pierre seconded the motion and members unanimously approved the motion.
- Fall Church Cleanup - set date for September 22 (after each service).
- Debby created a Consistory Manual/Handbook. Pastor will send this out to Consistory for our review. Will start to go over this next month.
- Professional/Hobby directory is being created. To submit yours, fill out this link: <https://www.zionuccton.com/professional-directory/>

New Business

Debby wanted to thank everyone who was involved with obtaining the cross from Kenmore Presbyterian Church, getting it here safely and helping to repair it so it can go up in Kuch Hall. It will be back from the fabricators the last week in August and will be hung up when time allows. The cross was repaired thanks to a donor.

Closing Prayer

- In the Church, for the people, with one another. Amen.

Next Meeting

- September 10th at 7 pm.

Closing: 9:17pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Debby Williams, Consistory Secretary)