

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Agenda

Call to Order at 7:03 pm by Edie Bauer

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

Absent: W. George Darrall and Bob Sedota

Also present: James Cousins and Brianne Grine (both Trustees)

Devotion and Lord's Prayer

- Audit Report: **Thank you to Ken for all his work in preparing the audit report of the church!**
 - Introduction of Ken Voght
 - Presentation of Audit Report
 - Discussion of Audit Report- spoke about some possible updates to our by-laws.
- Approval of Consistory meeting notes: Motioned for approval was made by Dave and seconded by John. All attending members approved.
- Treasurer's Report:

As of 9/3/2024 there is a balance of \$49,657.08 in the operating account and \$7,933.83 in the restricted funds account. The operating account balance takes into consideration the payroll for 9/6/24. The quarterly payments I make to the UCC every September are already accounted for in this bank balance.

The revenue for August was \$14,295.90. The net income was \$1,373.64. In comparison: The revenue for August 2023 was \$12,910.34. The net income for August 2023 was \$-4,867.64. The YTD income for 2024 is \$137,249.68 and the net income is \$11,727.84. The 2023 YTD was \$129,148.78 and the net income was \$-1,777.49.

There were no notable P&L events in August.

- Kalee's Member in Discernment (MID) update & Pastoral Care Team Updates

Things are going well. Met with person at Niagara University about the First Congregational Church and getting more college students to attend and participate.

A retreat is planned for October 19 from 2-3 pm at Whirlpool State Park in Niagara Falls. Will be with Zion and First Congregational Church.

She continues to work on her paper that is due for ordination.

- Pastor's Report
 - Summer Worship was very well attended. Pastor Duffy wanted to compare it to pre-Covid summer numbers, so she compared 2017 Summer Worship (not including Rally Day) to 2024 Summer Worship (also not including Rally Day). Our average summer attendance in 2024 (compared to 2017) increased by 17.5 people. Both summers had multiple baptisms, so they were a good comparison. Our average attendance during summer worship this year was 109.3 people. While this is less than our average attendance during the "school year" it is very good for summer and both our attendance, and our giving reflected greater participation from our members and guests.
 - November 17 will be Stewardship Sunday and lay preacher, Angie Staniszewski, will be preaching on the importance of Stewardship. This will be a great way for our church to get to know Angie better. She transferred from another church last year, and she is an active lay preacher in our Association.
 - We have enough volunteers to start the new ministry with Canal View. If anyone else is interested in helping, we will announce the date and plan. We will serve ice cream one evening for our first visit to Canal View.

- **Gail is desperately looking for one more Bell Ringer - if she can't find one, Christmas Eve will be the last time the Bells play. Please spread the word for anyone who might be interested in playing the Bells. Male or female. Thirteen years old and up. They will teach you. The bell tolls for you!**
- Trustee's Report – no report due to audit presentation
- Fundraising, Stewardship, and Outreach Report (John)- November is the rummage sale. Keep collecting stuff from home and bring it into church in boxes please. They can be stored in the shed.
- Committee Reports
 - Christian Education & Missions - (Edie)- no report
 - Health Ministry - (Debby)-had to cancel the September Heart Health presentation as the doctor that was presenting it must now work due to the resident strike. We will try to reschedule.
 - Altar Guild - (Robin)- no report
 - Memorials - (George) There were donations made for Dodie Johansen. The current balance is \$4268.40.
 - PPRC/Admin - (George)- no report
 - Community Assistance Ministry - (Dave) - no report
 - New Member - (Dave)- no report
 - Environmental Ministry - (Pierre)- update on garden plans tabled for future discussion
 - Network of Religious Communities - (Pierre)- Upcoming Events
 - a. 3rd Annual Living Green Festival, 9/28, 12-6pm at UU Amherst
 - b. 15th Annual Interfaith Walk of Abraham, 9/19 at 3pm from North Presbyterian Church to the Islamic Center.
 - c. Food & Wine Pairing 9/22, \$75, at Bravo Café & Catering, to benefit St. Peter's UCC of West Seneca.
 - d. Chicken BBQ at Nativity UCC, 9/22, 12-4pm, \$14 presale, \$16 day of.
 - e. Women's Wellness at Dunkirk, 9/27-9/29. Register at dunkirkcc.com or 716-366-1900
 - Community Dinners - (Bob)- no report
 - Food Pantry - (John)- spoke about restocking issues
 - Coffee Hour - (Ted)-no report

1. Old Business

- Fall Church Cleanup - date: September 22 after services.
 - This was in the Newsletter and should be announced next week.
 - Who will our point people be to lead this during the services? Edie volunteered. There will be a sign-up genie for this day for others to assist in the clean-up
- Continuing work on Consistory Manual/Handbook Debby began. Brianna also created a document to help with Consistory/Trustees responsibilities. – Tabled for future discussion
- Professional/Hobby directory is still being created. To submit yours, fill out this link:
<https://www.zionuccton.com/professional-directory/>

2. New Business

- Anything? Not at this time

The motion to close the meeting was made by Dave and seconded by John. All attending approved.

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

Next Meeting: October 8, at 7pm

Respectively submitted,

Debby Williams

Consistory Secretary