

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Agenda, October 8, 2015

Meeting called to order
Devotion and Lord's Prayer
Community Building
Approval of September Minutes

Doug King
Pastor Duffy

Treasurer's Report

Alan Knowles

1 - For the month ending September 30 2015, the bank account was \$6,356.34. This reflects all activity for the month. A total of 17 outstanding checks totaling \$7,090.19 remained for the month (see "Outstanding Checks" attachment). Please note that of these 17 checks, 8 have already cleared the bank. When comparing the remaining outstanding checks to the available balance in the bank, there should be enough for these checks to clear the bank without overdrafting.

2 - The total income for the month of September was \$10,748.83 and the total expenses were (\$17,795.58). This creates a loss of \$7,046.75. This is a decrease of \$7,888.75 from the previous month. The main reasons for this is the reclass of the piano expense from a suspense fund that was not previously on the expense list (\$3,988.00), the recording of expenses not previously accrued (Pastor Quarterly Travel Expense - \$811.75; OWCM Quarterly Expense - \$1,000; Pastor Quarterly FICA - \$1,148.69). These 4 items account for \$6,948.44 of the overall decrease.

3 - Compared to the YTD budget, the Church is still doing better than planned by almost \$3,500. This has decreased significantly from the August financials. Much of this is due to the increased expenses in September.

4 - From the last meeting, the In and Out account that was unable to have been tied out has been cleared out, with all funds being transferred to the Building Improvement fund. A new check was cut to Tony Fuller for his stale check, and Paychex has been contacted in regards to the outstanding stale check that does not appear to have been refunded to our account.

5 - Starting from this weekend, the new Key Bank account should be used for cutting checks. I am requesting 1 more week of deposits to be put to the Bank of America account, just to make sure that there is plenty of available funds for checks to clear. I will be in contact with Lynn Lakso to let her know how and when to change the deposits over. I will also be discussing with her the recommendations of the bank in regards to how to better secure the money count.

6 - Within the next 2 weeks, the "department managers" will be receiving reports as to the expenses for the year for their area as I begin working on the budget in the hopes to hear any suggestions. By the end of October the preliminary budget will be delivered to the Finance committee. In November, the committee will meet and make their recommendations. Following the meeting, the budget will be sent to the Consistory for their review. January will be when the Consistory adjusts and accepts the budget for the Congregation, which will be turned in the week following the meeting in order for the Congregation to have a month to review the reports before the annual meeting.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Duffy

1. Visitation: 11
2. Counseling: 14
3. Youth Update: Friday night youth groups have resumed. If anyone has an interest in youth ministry, let me know. If possible, I would love to make Friday youth groups weekly.
4. Confirmation Classes are beginning. All of the dates are on the calendar, including Saturday Classes and Confirmation (which will again be on Pentecost).
5. Rev. Dr. Bill Wipfler led a wonderful discussion on Liberation Theology. 16 people attended (13 church members, 3 guests). Consistory voted to send Fr. Wipfler a thank you card and \$100 honorarium.
6. I'll be attending Boundary Awareness Training this month. The training needs to be renewed every three years.
7. Thank you, Church, for my new purple stole. You'll see it in Advent!
8. Zionite ideas: Interview Church members, why I love my church

Committee Reports

1. Administration Doug King, no report
2. Finance Arlene Manth, no report
3. Christian Education Char Burchfield
 - a. Nov 1 Pinata for Halloween party
 - b. Oct 18 Start info for soldiers
 - c. Dec 13 Christmas Program
 - d. Feb Valentines between classes
 - e. March Easter Egg Hunt
 - f. March Annual Meeting: Sunday School, Bounce Houses, Fruits and Veggies
 - g. April Pick up garbage
 - h. May and June: practice for June 12th Promotional Sunday
4. Missions Gaye Mehlretter, soldier donations (see Christian ed)
5. Church Life/Community Dinners Audrey Gardner
 - a. July: \$209, 74 guests, 14 volunteers
 - b. Aug: \$223 55 guests, 10 volunteers
 - c. Sep: \$123 60 guests, 13 volunteers
6. Memorials Marilyn Young
 - a. Balance: \$3,788.82, donations made in memory of Sheridan Yondt and Ruth Warner
7. Outreach Gaye Mehlretter, no report
8. Pastoral Parish Relations Arlene Manth, no report
9. Health Ministry Doug King, upcoming Flu Clinic, Oct 18
10. House and Grounds Dana Maxwell
 - a. Met with Adema Heeting to troubleshoot and replace thermostat in Sanctuary.
 - b. Niagara Fire Extinguisher Service for annual testing of fire suppression system in kitchen. Replaced 3 fusible links per code.
 - c. Met with 2 landscape contractors receiving bids to do grading and seeding of staging area east of the parking lot.
 - d. Started receiving bids for snow removal for the upcoming winter season.
 - e. Delivered new book storage unit for choir.
 - f. National Grid worksite is not fully restored. We're contacting National Grid to ensure that it's finished properly.
Submitted by House and Grounds chair, Steve Dabney
11. Daycare Committee Rob Voss, meeting rescheduled

Time for Introspection: discussion of Herman Brain dynamics color communication technique to talk about how we communicate with one another.

Old Business

1. Open and Affirming discussion planning. Both Jonathan Lawrence and Sara Campbell have agreed to lead discussions. Start discussions in 2016.
2. Consistory wants to know: "Why I love my church"... submissions will be posted in the church.

New Business

1. Request: Crop Walk Sponsorship of \$150. Men's Fellowship volunteers to pay for this.
2. New laptop will be purchased for the Financial Secretary.
3. Discussion of giving a gift to the Samaritan Society for \$200 instead of asking for individual donations (request made by Joan Mohalski).
Decision: add Samaritan Society to the Mission part of the church budget for 2016, also include Plymouth Crossroads and Dunkirk
Re-evaluate Lenten offering: this will now go to the operating expenses
4. The Sunday School Fund was enveloped into the new Church Account.

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

Next Meeting: November 12, 7pm.