

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes February 11, 2016

In Attendance : Doug King, Pastor Duffy, Char Burchfield, Gaye Mehtretter, Audrey Gardner, Rob Voss, Alan Knowles, Arlene Manth, Tim Schlegel

Meeting called to order : Doug King

Devotion and Lord's Prayer: Pastor Duffy

Community Building

Approval of January Minutes: Jan 14th and Jan 28th

Treasurer's report: Alan Knowles

1 -For the month ending January 31 2016, the Bank of America account was \$14,187.86, and the Key Bank account was \$29,202.91. This means that the total amount in the bank was \$43,390.77. This reflects all activity for the month. A total of 20 outstanding items totaling \$3,899.54 remained for the month. Please note that of these 19 checks and 1 debit, 3 have already cleared the bank. There is also 1 deposit that posted in February for \$1,972.50

2 - The total income for the month of January was \$13,473.58 and the total expenses were (\$10,810.42). This creates a gain of \$2,663.16. This is an improvement of \$3,142.46 from the previous month..

3 – Compared to the YTD budget, the Church is still doing better than planned by over \$18,000. This has increased from the November financials. As I said last month, a lot of it is due to more collections, and people being very budget-sensitive when making purchases. Sales tax alone is significantly lower this year than it was last year.

4 – Please note the following items on the monthly financials: Collections were up significantly in January. This is due to 5 Sundays in January compared to 4 in December. Also, the Sunday after Christmas is usually relatively small in terms of collection money. Pastor's Housing Allowance has decreased significantly, due to the discovery of an error that was recording the charge twice each payroll since 10/16. An entry was made in December to remove all those duplicate charges, causing the \$2,252.75 change. Pastor's Travel Expense is down, because it is a quarterly expense that was not accrued on a monthly basis previously. This changed with the January financials. Pastor's FICA is lower in December due to an error in accrual. It was over accrued previously. Employers FICA was increased since all collections by the government reset in January. Payroll Services are down due to the bill being paid for processing in December. This was not accrued previously, but will be starting in January. Snow Plowing includes 2 invoices for November and December paid in December. Miscellaneous Custodial includes snow blower repair and clock repair. December Western Area is up due to the payment of shares to bring our account current.

5 – The budget has been submitted for review by the Congregation

6 – In reading the minutes from last month (which I was unable to attend due to illness), I noticed that there was an item regarding the Christmas collection. Unfortunately, I am not able to shed any light on what was collected for Christmas and what was collected after; everything was put on 1 counter sheet, and I just entered it as they counted it.

Alan's question on Christmas offering. All envelopes are to go to Pastors Discretionary fund. Alan is going to adjust.

Copier rental was checked into regarding the cost . Budget is high, however the cost will now be reduced.

Pastor's Report:

1. Visitation: 11
2. Counseling: 10
3. Plan to do Natural Church Development Survey after Easter. I will need 15 people, from each service and we can break into two groups during discussion. Volunteers need to be willing to do the survey, and then dedicate a few hours four to five evenings to discuss the results.
4. 5k race form was submitted. Pray that the town approves it since this will be our biggest fundraiser.

5. The Lenten "Focused Living" Study will be great for anyone who hopes to deepen their spiritual journey. Tuesdays at 7pm.

Committee Reports:

Administration Doug King no report

Finance Arlene Manth no report

Christian Education Char Burchfield still planning talent show in spring

Missions Gaye Mehlretter 14 boxes shipped to Bagram AFB Afghanistan
Pilgrim Crossroads were very excited about the Christmas gifts and the
Men's Fellowship donation
Heritage project was also successful

Church Life Audrey Gardner

Community Dinners Audrey Gardner

115 January guests 16 Volunteers Cost donated by Metz and Voss family.

Memorials Marilyn Young

New Memorials from Muriel Metz Balance \$4813.82

Outreach Gaye Mehlretter Recruiting more members to help Vets

Pastoral Parish Relations Arlene Manth no report

Health Ministry Doug King Reliant on Dash's supermarket tapes for financing.

House and Grounds Dana Maxwell

- a. Master Rug Cleaner in for estimate on carpet repairs in sanctuary.
- b. Set up date for Fire Suppression system inspection.
- c. Looking into roof repairs (leak).
- d. New doors on shed
- e. Bathroom between Nursery and Kindergarten rooms needs plumbing repair.
- f. Possible work day in spring
- g. Ray has lawnmower on "hold" until money is available.

Submitted by Steve Dabney

Daycare Committee Rob Voss no report

Old Business

1. Jonathan Lawrence discussion on Homosexuality in the Bible set for April 15th at 7:30pm

New Business

1. Memorial Fund requests: New Projector under \$400 approved and New Pew Cushions out to bid
2. Put together Task Force for 175th Anniversary of the church
 - a. Plan to bring all of our home-bound/nursing home-bound parishioners to church
 - b. Gaye and Char are willing to represent Consistory on the committee.

3. Honorees for this year's Network of Religious Communities Appreciation dinner.
 - a. Salvatore's restaurant on Tuesday May 3rd at 6
 - b. Honored Speaker will be Rev. Dr. Brian Arthur , editor of "Three Testaments: Torah, Gospel, and Qur'an" and author of many books including " Four Testaments".
 - c. Adult and youth nominees : Consistory voted Sue Clark and Zach Zientec as our honorees

4. Need additional representatives for Western Area Meetings . Information to be emailed, next date is at Kenilworth UCC with very interesting topics

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

Next Meeting March 10th 7pm