

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes, June 8, 2017

Call to Order : Tim Schlegel called the meeting to order

Members Present : Pastor Elizabeth, Tim Schlegel, Eugene Robinson, Jeff Quinton, Matt Lauer, Rob Voss, Cyle Pollutro, Char Burchfield, Glen Gordon, Ron Janiszewski Bill Roberts, Deb Grine, Brianna Grinne, James Cousins, Sarah Cousins

Devotion and Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Duffy

Treasurer's Report:

Ron Janiszewski

- Cemetery expenses are being paid and at year end will be reimbursed.
- Bill Roberts made motion Glen Gordon seconded, Minutes approved

Trustee's Report:

- Trustees are responsible for the church property as in our constitution.
- A new amendment to be added to Our Church Constitution was discussed . It would adjust the responsibility of the Board of Trustees. Discussed and approved
- Trustees would be responsible for **Building and Grounds** including the cemetery, **Missions and Fundraising**, and the members with Seniority will be responsible for the **Endowment Fund**. New members will be needed and this new amendment will be purposed to and **voted on by the congregation September 3, 2017**. This will allow the Consistory to focus more on the Religious and Spiritual needs of the church.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Duffy

- Welcoming New Members on July 2
- Starting 5k publicity. Race to be held on July 16th
- Mission Trip is coming together nicely, I stopped by the UMC church and the YMCA while I was in Malone. July 17th
- Bill Roberts will preach when I'm away for the Mission Trip. I will be preaching at the UMC church that's hosting the youth group since the Pastor will be away that week.
- Two weeks in Aug are Pastors Vacation

Committee Reports:

- Administration
- Finance
- Christian Education This Sunday is the Children's' service at 10:30 : Vacation Bible school is planned for July 31 - Aug 4
- Missions
- Church Life
- Community Dinners - May's Cost was \$99.91, 65- 70 guests attended with 11 Volunteers. Turkey, beef and pulled pork sandwiches, Ziti salad with pudding as dessert.
- Memorials
- Outreach Mailing in Tonawanda area for community dinner, survey, VBS, Strawberry Festival info
- Veteran's Voices Extremely large community of 17 Acres with social workers, housing, and other needs .
- Pastoral Parish Relations
- Health Ministry 400.00 was spent for food panty, Jeff has many ideas for food pantry to make it more accessible and more positive. Flu shots and blood drive is being scheduled
- House and Grounds – Scheduling Floor Cleaning after Strawberry Festival. Fertilizer for side lot to be done.
- Daycare Committee

Old Business

1. Sanctuary pew cushions discussion Moved to Visioning committee

2. **Visionary meeting is scheduled on July 7th 2017 7pm** discuss ideas that will grow the church
3. Dedication of Nunes' Overflow set for Father's Day – Char B and Pastor
4. Associate Pastor from the German Church - Motion approved to research housing and transportation. Congregation will be receiving more information and will be **voting on this Sept 3, 2017.**
5. Repair rusty fence in the playground Motion approved to repair
6. Sacristy improvements needed – still need to ask Steve Dabney and Wally Byers. \$500 approved to reorganize

New Business:

1. Cemetery issues: Dead trees, paint the fence, concrete work, etc. An assessment should be done to get a handle on all the work that needs to be done. Char to get an estimate to repair concrete between orbs
2. Church Bell for courtyard. Thoughts and ideas. Tabled until next month
3. **Discuss having a Congregation meeting on September 3rd. Approved**

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

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 13th

