

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 5/4/17

Call to Order: Tim Schlegel called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Pastor Elizabeth, Tim Schlegel, Eugene Robinson, Bill Roberts, Jeff Quinton, Matt Lauer, Joan Mohalski, Rob Voss, Cyle Pollutro.

Pastor Elizabeth lead us in the devotion and Lord's prayer.

Treasurer's Report: Ron Janiszewski could not attend the meeting.

- Miscellaneous Revenue of \$2,82.91 was reported ad reimbursement for cemetery expense. This is shown on "Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison" line 46000.
- Margaret Freiheit left \$80,000 for the cemetery fund.
- Easter receipts were shown in the April Report.
- It was noted that there were three payday in March.
- There was \$12,334.05 in Endowment transfers.

Trustees' Report:

- James Cousins reported that \$585,000 is in the J.P. Morgan Fund. This is more aggressive with the money in stocks and mid cap funds. \$100,000 is to be kept as cash at a 1.25 % interest rate. This will auto renew at the lowest interest rate. Last month the rate was down.
- There is \$1,408,000 in the endowment fund. This includes cash, but not the \$50,000 from Cornerstone.
- Mission Budget is low. The amount needs to be raised. This supports conference pastors. \$6.00/person goes to WNYCIC. The definition of "mission" was discussed. What is a "fee" and what is a "mission".
- James Cousins discussed the endowment and how the liquid cash should be spent. This discussion was tabled for Old Business per a motion by Eugene and a second by Glen.

Pastor's Report:

- Pluralism Sunday. We will have a communion service first. Mr. Michael Martin will speak about Native American traditions and how there are common themes in our faiths.
- Pastor Elizabeth will be away during the week of May 15-19 for the Festival of Homiletics. A Pastor will be on call since Pastor Elizabeth will be away only Monday through Friday.
- Pastor will be gone during the weekend of June 3rd (Pentecost) for her college reunion. Rob Voss will preach.
- Pastor will not be going to General Synod because she does not want to miss David and Bethany's wedding. She will officiate.

Committee Reports:

- Administration – Jeff Quinton reported that contracts have been developed for all paid employees. These are for Secretary, Custodian and Praise Band Guitarist. We need a signed contract from Arrow. A meeting was to be held with Melanie Hachen, Gail Sweeney and Sue Clark. This is to take place at a future date.
- Finance – No report.
- Christian Education – No report.
- Missions- No report.
- Church Life – No report.
- Community Dinners – April's dinner cost \$143.99 . There were 70 guests and 14 volunteers. Ham with pineapple, corn, au gratin potatoes, applesauce, rye bread and butter, eclair cake, coffee and

punch were served.

- Memorials – Donations were given for Ken Knerr and Norm Plowe. A check was written to Pastor to pay her for the Stations of the Cross. Final balance is \$3,822.14.
- Outreach – No report.
- Veteran’s Voices – Bill reported that a 28 unit housing project for veterans is to be built on Military Rd. in the Town of Tonawanda. The Panfil Brothers will perform at Zion U.C.C.
- Pastoral Parish Relations – No report.
- Health Ministry – Jean will resume blood pressure readings in June.
Applied to Visiting Nurses Association for a flu shot clinic in October.
A blood drive will be coordinated with the flu clinic. The Food Pantry program will resume.
- House and Grounds – Matt Laufer reported that the cost of stripping and polishing the floors in the hallway and two classrooms is \$2,195.00. This was a quote from Rich Brandis.
The parking lot lights are working. The sidewalk needs repair.
- Daycare Committee – No report.

Old Business:

- Sanctuary pew cushions were discussed, but put on hold. Tim discussed a “Visioning Process” which would be similar to Church Development which was done earlier. A Visioning Task Force would go through the church to see what needs to be done. This task force is to be created.
- Dedication of Nunes’ Overflow set for Father’s Day – Char B and Pastor are working on this.

New Business:

- A plaque for Ray Greiner’s niece was discussed. No more plaques are to be installed. An exception was made via a motion made by Glen and seconded by Bill. The motion was passed allowing Ray to install a plaque near the tree he planted at his own expense.
- An opportunity to have an Associate Pastor from Germany was discussed. The German church would pay his salary and expenses. We would pay for housing. This would be for two years. He would preach once a month. This idea was tabled for future review.
- Motion to add new Recruitment Committee -
The committee could welcome people to community dinners. The Youth group could distribute fliers. Pastor explained bulk mailings of a community survey. We would need to track the responses. A motion to approve up to \$500.00 for fliers and a mailing list was made by Glen seconded by Matt. Motion was passed.
- Three new Youth Delegates were added to the Consistory: Brianna Grine, Elleyna Laufer and Amanda Bauer. They will rotate and one will attend Consistory each month.
- Fence repair was discussed. The fence is rusty. The Trustees are to take care of it.
- The Sacristy needs improvement. The Trustees are to take care of it. Pastor will speak to Wally Byers and Steve Dabney.
- The addition of a Budget line to the bulletin was discussed. This was tabled until it can be discussed with Ron Janiszewski.
- A new bike rack was ordered and will be assembled soon. The idea and donation came from Roger Drollinger.
- Additional discussions were held on how to get the TVs in the front to communicate. The front two would be wired with about 100’ of HDMI cable. The rear would be connected via wireless connection. The camera for the parking lot area is to be mounted by Ed.
- Jeff wants to improve the Food Pantry.
- Rob is to move file cabinets from the Food Pantry.

Next meeting is to be on June 8, 2017. A motion was made to adjourn and was passed.