

Zion UCC Consistory Minutes, July 13, 2017

Meeting called to order

Tim Schlegel

Members Present: Pastor Duffy, Tim Schlegel, Char Burchfield, Jeff Quinton, Glen Gordon, Ron Janiszewski, Rob Voss, Matt Laufer, Brianna Grine, Eugene Robinson, Joyce Dolce, Joan Mohalski, Elleyna Laufer

Devotion and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Elizabeth

Treasurer's Report

Ron Janiszewski

- Collections are up but still hard to make obligations with fluctuations in attendance
- Projection on shortfall will be provided next month

Trustee's Report

Recommendations for new Trustees/Consistory changes:

- We do not recommend that any changes take place until September 3rd so not to upset anyone unnecessarily. However as our present Constitution states The Trustees will handle the items below and will begin doing so immediately.
- Under Article 8 of the Constitution, It states that the property of Zion UCC, both real and personal, together with all bequests, legacies, memorials, and endowments, shall be under the care of a Board of Trustees. The Board shall be responsible to the congregation and function in a manner as provided in the By-laws
- Motion made for the estimate of \$3000.00 for the roof repair and fence was made by Matt, Eugene seconded and it was approved. The Trustees will handle the payment as a house and grounds expense.
- Complaints were heard about the Labor day weekend Congregation meeting. We recognized no time is perfect for everyone, however a combined service was decided to accommodate the most members. It is the last week with combined services.
- An informational sheet will be released to Congregation with the Zionite regarding the issues up for a vote. Feel free to contact Tim Schlegel as well for any questions.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Duffy

1. New Member Sunday was our highest Summer attendance we've seen. There were 125 adults and almost 30 kids in Summer Sunday School!
2. Mission Trip is July 17-23, pastor will be available for emergencies via cell phone.
3. Pastor will be preaching in Malone at the mission trip's host church, Centenary UMC on the 23rd.
4. Bill Roberts will be preaching at Zion on the 23rd.
5. Pastor Elizabeth will be away in Cape Cod from August 5-August 13. We will have a guest pastor here to preach on August 6th. Rev. Hope Harle-Mould will be the Pastor on Call.
6. Discussions about online giving will be noted again as an easy way to contribute.

Committee Reports

- Administration Jeff - no report
- Finance - See Treasurer's report
- Christian Education - Record numbers at Summer Sunday School! Awesome. Vacation Bible School is July 31- Aug 4. All are welcome.
- Missions - Future detail will be available
- Church Life
- Community Dinners - Cheeseburgers, potato salad, p chips, sundaes \$276.54 80 guests, 16 Volunteers
- Memorials given for Ken Knerr and Lorraine Paul. Balance is \$3922.14
- Outreach Mailings went out and 7 responses were returned and thanked us but belong to other churches.
- Veteran's Voices 17 acres donated and drawings are being drawn up 14 million for the first phase
- Pastoral Parish Relations no report

- Health Ministry - Blood drive and shot clinic is being scheduled. Searching for a nurse that would be willing to take the First of the month for Blood Pressures. Jean is not always available and could use help. Please pray about this as it is a valuable service many count on.
- House and Grounds – Scheduled Floor Cleaning July 25, 26, 27 floor cleaning in Kuck Hall and the Hallway, Please take note if you have activities where you will be affected. Classrooms are harder to schedule. The effort is being made to have all done by Sept Rally Day
- Daycare Committee discussions moved to Trustees

Old Business:

1. Sanctuary pew cushions discussion moved to Trustees
2. Visioning Process –great success! Top ideas formulated at that open meeting were discussed at Consistory. A presentation can be put together to present to the congregation. Some ideas are New Carport / Main Entrance, Outside Bell, Ceiling Fans for Sunday school rooms, Solar, Community garden, sports fields, more space, more rooms, Memorial Garden, Sanctuary fans / air conditioning, Change alter space by removing walls and change pews to chairs adding a portable lectern. Thank you to all who attended the Visionary Meeting and their input.
3. Discussion about possible Associate Pastor from the German Church directly from Germany, tabled for a year. Glen made the motion , Eugene seconded and it was approved.
4. Repair rusty fence in the playground - money approved and matter handed over to Trustees.
5. Sacristy improvements needed – still need to ask Steve Dabney and Wally Byers deferred to Trustees
6. 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. deferred to Trustees
7. Congregational Meeting September 3rd. It was chosen as the last joint service. James Cousins will Chair the meeting. Information will be distributed soon.

New Business:

1. Administration Committee needs one new member to replace Ken Knerr.
2. Letter from the Garden Club They are retiring and are donating a \$100.00, thank you note sent.
3. Jeff addressed the Food Pantry - A monthly Community Market, tables for rent and donations for entry This will start in Oct - Matt made motion to have the market with Zion's insurance, Glen Seconded, motion approved Farmers market is being researched. Trustees will discuss
4. Welcome mugs are almost done - donations are welcome and Brianna suggested a car wash to assist in purchasing more mugs. An idea of church families buying a mug to be become a welcome mug for a visitor.
5. More Counters - Glen Gorton , Jean King and Char have volunteered. Ken will train anyone willing to become a counter.
6. Pastor is in Need of a new computer, Men's fellowship will be asked for help

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

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 27th