

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Agenda, February 8, 2018

Call to Order: Tim called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Tim Schlegel, Pastor Elizabeth, Jeff Quinton, Glen, Rob Voss (trustee), Barb Miller, Sarah Handley-Cousins, Char Burchfield, Joan Mohalski, Ted Zientek

Pastor Duffy led devotion and Lord's Prayer.

Minutes of last meeting were accepted. Glen made a motion to accept; Jeff seconded.

Treasurer's Report was accepted. Glen made a motion to accept; Jeff seconded.

Trustee's Report was accepted. Joan made a motion to accept; Char seconded.

Community Building

Pastor's Report

Pastor Duffy

1. New Easter Commercial was filmed and will air for 2-3 weeks before Easter.
2. Youth group is going to Boston, MA for the 2018 Mission Trip. The host church will be my mother's at Pastor Duffy's mother's church. Next year the kids will go to a traditionally black church in Philadelphia.
3. Lent and Easter dates:
 1. Ash Wednesday, February 14th, service 7:30pm
 2. Lenten Study, Mondays during Lent at 7pm. Will be focused on "bringing Scripture to life."
 3. Palm Sunday, March 25th
 4. Maundy Thursday, March 29th, Worship at 7:30pm
 5. Good Friday, March 30th: Church will be open with labyrinth, stations of the cross, and silent prayer. Pastor will need a volunteer or two to sit in the church while these events are going on.
 6. Holy Saturday, March 31st, Easter Bunny pancake breakfast and youth fundraiser at 10am.
 7. Easter Sunday, April 1st
4. Pastor Duffy will be gone in Arizona for a Spiritual Retreat the week of April 2-10. Someone will preach, not sure who quite yet.
5. Upcoming date: May 20th is Pentecost Sunday and Confirmation Sunday! We will be confirming 10 or 11 youth.

Committee Reports

*****All committee annual reports are due to Charlotte by February 20. Preferably emailed in a word document to zionuccoffice@gmail.com**

- Administration: Nothing to report.
- Christian Education: Nothing to report.
- Missions: Prison ministry is up and running with cookie collection, letter writing, and prayer sign-ups. These will be available for church members to work on and contribute one Sunday a month. Ideal cookies available at Aldi. Cookies must not be homemade, no confectioner's sugar, no 'liqueur' flavors.
- Church Life + Community Dinners
 - a. January Dinner: Cost \$167.75, Guests: 100, Volunteers: 15
 - b. Thank you to Gary for hosting a luncheon for the volunteers!
- Memorials: Donation received for Phyllis Klepser. Fund balance: \$2679.37
- Outreach: No report.
- Veteran's Voices: No report.
- Pastoral Parish Relations: No report.
- Health Ministry: Please keep Dash's reports coming.

Strategic planning process: S(trengths) W(eaknesses) O(pportunities) C(hallenges)

- Follow up with another visioning meeting to narrow down visioning needs.
- Need to develop a vision statement. Top agenda item at next consistory meeting. Where do we want to be in 3 years? More missions? More technology? What do we want to stand for? What is our identity?

Strengths of the church

- Pastor Elizabeth is a strength!
- Use of technology (sign outside; tvs inside)

Weaknesses:

- Lack of engagement from a minority of members/church attendees
- Difficulty getting the two services to come together

Things that we would like see:

- more community engagement
- We need to be more upfront about the fact that we are open & affirming
- We need to work more on being actively welcoming – this is how we get people to stay at our church when they visit!
- More fellowship events, for both families within the church and from outside of the church
 - Holiday related events? Trunk or treat; Christmas light display?

Old Business

1. Prison Ministry Updates: Cookies, Letters, Placemats
2. Church Safety: Bob Sedota has a quote of \$300 to make the kitchen-side a punch-code entry. We will talk to Bob also about the possibility of putting punch-code locks on each of the Sunday school rooms. Will be sent to Trustees for further discussion.

New Business:

1. Final discussions on budget and upcoming meeting. Meeting will be March 11 at 11am following one service at 10am.
 - Meeting for church members to ask questions and discuss trustees, consistory, or the budget on Sunday, February 18 and Sunday, March 4 after second service. If you can't make these meetings, please feel free to call or email James Cousins.
 - Budget will be available Sunday, February 11.
3. Trustees will have a new rental policy for our next meeting.
4. Tim put in a FOIL request for information about the Zion cemetery in Cheektowaga. Tim will email the former town attorney of the town of Cheektowaga to talk about the history of the cemetery. Tim hopes to have a report for the trustees regarding how much of the cemetery actually belongs to the church. He also has discovered a box of Zion UCC cemetery related materials that Tim will explore.

Meeting was adjourned.

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

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 8th