

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes, October 11, 2018

Consistory President Tim Schlegel called the meeting to order at 7:07 EST.

Present: Tim Schlegel, Cyle Pollutro, Ron Janiszewski, Glen Gordon, Rob Voss, Joan Mohalski, Barb Miller, Char Burchfield, Jeff Quinton Ted Camp, Bill Roberts

Pastor Duffy opened with a prayer.

Glen Gordon moved to approve the September minutes. Jeff Quinton seconded. Approved.

Ron Janiszewski explained the September profit and loss. We need to begin thinking and preparing for next year's budget. Things are moving in the right direction – finances are in a much better position than Ron expected. This summer's finances were much better than they typically are. Fundraisers will happen again next year, with the addition of a fish fry, which should perform as well or better than this year. Ron reports that we're in a 'decent position.' Glen Gordon made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Barb Miller seconded. Treasurer's report approved.

Cyle Pollutro reported that the trustees purchased shelving for the food pantry. They are currently waiting on bids for the work needed to remodel the sanctuary. Trustees are also looking at bids to redo the sound system.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Duffy

- There was no October Zionite simply because there was nothing to report. The November Zionite will go out at the end of the month. We will skip months when there is no new information to conserve materials and time.
- New members were not included on the calendar. There are additional calendars being printed with their names and dates, and we will include a list for people to pick up to add to their own calendars. I asked Charlotte to make a special note so she does not miss their dates in the bulletin.
- Pastor Elizabeth is planning to rename the Pastoral Care team to the "Sunshine Team." She will have a dinner meeting (pizza) and training for anyone who is interested in joining. She is hoping that we can have a larger group of people willing to check in on our home-bound folks and give them rides to church if they need it. Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 5:30pm (allowing Choir people to come before rehearsals begin).
- Pastor is going to have a meeting not only for new members, but also for folks who are curious about the church and want to know a bit more before they make a commitment. It will be held Wednesday, Nov. 21 at 6:00pm with food, introductions, and information about the church.

Committee Reports

- The Administrative team met recently met to discuss the issue of vacation days for the praise band. They will receive one vacation day for this year, and two next year to have parity with the other musicians. They also approved consistory's idea about hiring someone to staff the nurse. They will begin to draft a job ad, using other churches' ads as templates.
- There will be a Halloween craft for Sunday school on October 28. They will also bring in food for the food pantry once it is up and running. They will have a Christmas event on December 16.
- Missions
- Church Life + Community Dinners: The September dinner cost \$257.07 (two dinners- one for future use), Guests 76, Volunteers 10.
- A donation was received in honor of Jean Hooper. Current balance is \$2824.37.
- Outreach
 - a. The trustees will work on getting the banner mounted on the outside of the church. Thinking that it will be facing Koenig through the parking lot.
 - b. Crop Hunger Walk: Thank you everyone for your generous donations to the Ken Ton Crop Hunger Walk. They raised a total of \$371, with an increase of \$51 over last year.
 - c. Veterans Voices is in the process of getting some land in Niagara County to either build an office or establishing a memorial.
- Pastoral Parish Relations: No report.
- Health Ministry: Flu shots were given October 7.
- Strategy Planning (SWOC):

- a. Trunk or Treat: We will work on brainstorming a trunk or treat event before Halloween next year.
- 175th Anniversary Planning: Char Burchfield has the translated book now. She did call someone in Utah to see if she can get the birth and death records in an easier format than how she is able to get them from the Family History Center here in Amherst. Char Burchfield would like to organize a dinner, with a presentation. Continued discussion of a new logo.

Old Business

1. Sarah Handley-Cousins is still looking into ways that we might be able to advertise at UB North Campus. We will start putting up posters/fliers/brochures when they are available.
2. New Website – waiting for 2019 budget. “Complete” level = \$768/year, includes website, app, media, unlimited space and support

New Business:

1. Barbara Johnson would like to donate another peace pole to the church. Discussed putting it on the Parker side of the church.
2. Pastor Duffy often receives notifications (posters) of sex offenders in the area, as required by law. She is often asked to post them. Consistory will let the committees and Sunday school teachers know about them so they are aware, but they will not be posted where children can see them.
3. We should think about buying a large pop up tent. This will be submitted to the trustees for discussion.
4. Jeff Quinton and John Pauling are already working on the basket raffle.

Glen Gordon moved to close the meeting. Char Burchfield seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm EST.

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

Next Meeting: November 8th, 7pm