

Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 05.14.2024

Consistory Call to Order at 7:03 pm by Edie Bauer

Members present: Pastor Elizabeth, Dave Dombrowski, Debby Williams, Edie Bauer, Trustee, Ted Camp, Rev. Pierre Albrecht-Carrie, W. George Darrall, and Kalee Mielke

Absent: Robin Fuller, John Pauling, Bob Sedota and Elena Camp

Devotion and the Lord's Prayer: Rev. Pierre Albrecht-Carrie led us in the devotion and the Lord's Prayer.

Approval Of Consistory Meeting Minutes - motioned for approval by Debby and seconded by Dave. All attending members approved.

Treasurer's Report (Ron Janiszewski)

As of May 6, 2024, there is a balance of \$43,679.98 in the operating account and \$19,602.81 in the restricted funds account. The operating balance takes into consideration the payroll for 5/17/24.

The revenue for April was \$17,960.31. The net income was \$4,817.01 in comparison: The revenue for April 2023 was \$14,405.93. The net income for April 2023 was \$2,276.35. The YTD income for 2024 is \$71,160.96 and the net income is \$6,770.90. The 2023 YTD was \$69,616.47 and the net income was \$8,832.71.

Notable P &L events in April:

51720 Pastor's Pension \$1,436.74

52560 Envelopes \$446.20

55404 Fire System- Annual monitoring fee \$360.00

After one third of the year, we are pretty much where we planned to be financially. The numbers versus last year are relatively the same. All things considered we are probably in a better spot financially this year than we were last year as we have a better handle on the expenses.

Motioned for approval by Dave and seconded by Pierre. All attending members approved.

Kalee's Member in Discernment (MID)

- a. Has a meeting June 10 with Committee of Ministry. Setting dates to finish her 15-page paper on her faith history and theology on certain topics. She then has a meeting with council for them to question her about her paper. This will lead to her ordination.

Pastor's Report

- Possible new mission with Community Missions (proposal and details were emailed last week to Consistory members). Would we like to move forward with this? If so, she'll need to compile a team of 4-5 members to begin this ministry with them.

- A decision was made to announce it in church to see if some people would be interested in volunteering.
- From Robin who is not here tonight: When Lisa Drysdale was the Pastor at Brighton Community Church, they did some things with/for Community Missions. It was a great program for the community, and it seems to have really expanded the services offered. I think it would be great to work with them.
- Mission Trip planning is nearly complete. We are all set for a mission trip to the Detroit area. We are sending a group of 60 on the mission trip, with 18 from Zion.
- We have purchased zionucc.com. We are using .com instead of .org because even though we're an organization, people more commonly search for .com addresses. If you go to zionucc.com right now, it will send you to our current website. We will continue to keep both addresses because keeping zionuccton.com will only cost us \$17/year. She is slowly working to design a new website. When that happens, zionucc.com will be our main website and zionuccton.com will redirect to it.
- She is working with Sue to plan for Promotional Sunday and VBS.

Trustee's Report: Ted Camp

- Trustees are figuring out what projects can be finished this year.
- The parking lot is on schedule so far.
- Painting and new carpeting in the overflow room will be completed in a couple of weeks.
- Fundraising, Stewardship, and Outreach (John provided a report to the Consistory as he was away)
- Women's fellowship will be purchasing a cotton candy machine for events. It will be used at the Strawberry Festival.
- The Planning meeting for the Strawberry Festival was held on 4/22/24 at 6 pm. They met to evaluate how much they will charge for menu items to better align with similar events and increased costs.
- They discussed "potential" funding sources for supplies, related to this event.
- They added "Captains for key areas to spread out responsibilities more evenly and provide central points of contact.
- Volunteers will be needed to help make this an successful event
- There next meeting is Wednesday May 22 at 6 pm

Pastor mentioned we need to do some Summer Outreach

Committee Reports

- Christian Education & Missions (Edie). June 9 will be Promotional Sunday for the children and Campfire Light is the Vacation Bible School theme this August 19-23.

- Cemetery (Debby)-no report.
- Health Ministry (Debby)- The Zion UCC Tonawanda Health Ministry is hosted a representative who specializes in Elder Law on Saturday April 27. It was well attended. 40 people came. The speaker (Katie Alexander) was excellent. Six people from the community and 34 people from our church attended.

Results from the Health Survey we passed out to the congregation have been completed. 97 people completed the survey (Thank you!). The top 10 classes people were interested in were:

- Nutrition
- Standard First Aid
- Stress Management
- Mental Health issues,
- Wills, POA, Trusts- held 4/27
- Women's Health Issues
- Nursing Home Questions
- Dealing w/ grief,
- Arthritis
- Vision/Hearing Topics

Note: The best days were Saturday and Thursday for classes and afternoons and evenings were best.

-The Health Ministry team is meeting Thursday May 16 to discuss results and plan out the next few programs we can host.

- Altar Guild (Robin)- no report
- Memorials (George)- \$2,000 was taken out of account for the Rob Voss scholarship which leaves a balance of \$3,913.40.
- PPRC/Admin (George)- no report
- Community Assistance Ministry (Dave)- no report
- New Member (Dave)- no report
- Environmental Ministry (Pierre)- they will be meeting after Ed and Barb Miller get back from their trip
- Network of Religious Communities (Pierre)- no report
- Community Dinners (Bob)- sign up sheet is up. Will need volunteers. Having grilled sausage w/ peppers and onions.
- Food Pantry (John)- it is well stocked at this time but will continue to need monetary and item donations for support. Volunteer shifts are all filled to help with Pantry.
- Coffee Hour (Ted)- one of the coffee makers is giving the crew some issues so looking for other options right now. Women's Fellowship is helping to provide more baked goods for Coffee Hour. Always need bakers!

Old Business

- domain is purchased (see above)
- Ken Voght is in the process of doing the church audit.
- New T-shirt deadline is the end of the month. (Thank you, Cyle!)
- Men's Fellowship is this Saturday.
- Women's fellowship is this Saturday as well. Meeting for lunch at the Olympic on Sheridan and Military at 11 am.
- Cross for inside hall- date needs to be set. Looking at July calendar.

New Business

- Women's Fellowship asked if we could bring up Spring cleaning of church and grounds in new business? They specifically mentioned the kitchen (cupboards and baseboards). result: Spring is here, and people have already gotten busy, so the plan is to do a Fall Cleanup on a Sunday in October that does not involve a Bills game.
- Create a Consistory Manual/Handbook. A manual has been started and will become a living document that will help future Consistory members with what their duties are while they are in the Consistory. Members of the Consistory have started it and will continue to add or delete things that the members feel are pertinent.
- Listening Workshop has been rescheduled for Sunday August 4th. Lunch will be provided.
- Laurie M had mentioned to Edie about getting a professional list/skill list/hobby list of congregational members to provide aid or help if needed. Pastor was putting something together to send to the congregation.
- Discussions of tents was brought up. George said he had 2 10 x 20 tents in his shed that the church can be used for events. Edie said she has a few tents as well. Trustees have been looking into purchasing a few tents (instead of renting them) so we had them for all events. The decision was made to contact Jill. John or Jeff about this

The motion to close the meeting was made by Dave, seconded by Pierre, and all attending members agreed.

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

Next Meeting: June 11th at 7 pm

Closing: At 8:48 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Debby Williams
Consistory Secretary