

## Zion UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes 06.11.2024

**Call to Order:** 7:03pm by Edie Bauer

**Members present:** Pastor Elizabeth, Elena Camp, W. George Darrall, Robin Fowler, Kalee Mielke, Pierre Albrecht-Carrie, Dave Dombrowski, Bob Sedota, Edie Bauer, John Pauling, Ted Camp (Trustees)

**Absent:** Debby Williams

**Devotion and Lord's Prayer:** Pastor Elizabeth

**Approval of Consistory Meeting Minutes:** Motioned for approval by Dave and seconded by Bob. All attending members approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Deferred until Ron's return from his Alaska trip

**Kalee's Member in Discernment (MID):**

- Committee Meeting held this week; Kalee shared her portfolio, school updates
- She is leaning towards pastoring 1 day/week
- She and Annmarie will be going on a trip soon
- After such time she will start working on her thesis (which must be completed by February)
- Working her way towards ordination
- She continues working with Hospice; days are hard and long; doing walking & yoga to help keep her centered

**Kalee's Pastoral Care Team Updates:**

- Retreat coming up July 14<sup>th</sup>; she and Annmarie will record a video from the retreat location

**Pastor's Report:**

- We are still looking for 5 volunteers for the Community Missions ministry. Pastor will continue to spread the word for this. If anyone is interested, let her know.
- Summer Worship begins June 23rd. Worship will be at 9:30am during the summer. When it is a contemporary Sunday and weather permits, we will worship outdoors.
- Summer schedule: Pastor will be in the office as she regularly is, however, she might have to leave temporarily to drive kids from one place to the other, so it's always safest to call/text before coming in to see her. She will be in Massachusetts June 24-28 (Monday-Friday) to visit with family. She'll still be available by phone and she'll return Friday night in time for the Strawberry Festival. She'll be away the week of July 8th for the mission trip in Detroit. Kalee will preach on July 14. From Detroit, Taylor and Pastor are flying to Colorado to see family. They'll return home that Saturday, so she will be preaching on July 21st. Trevor and Pastor are hoping to plan a trip away without the kids for their 15th anniversary on August 22nd, so she might be away for the end of that week (though not the beginning so she'll be at VBS for at least the first part of the week).
- August 4th is our Listening Lunch and event; she hopes everyone plans to stay after worship!
- Kids did a wonderful job on Sunday, June 9th! Thank you kids and teachers!

**Trustee's Report (Ted):**

- Parking lot nearing completion; had a small concrete add-on; still under budget
- 1<sup>st</sup> Zion UCC Scholarship awarded to Madie Feng
- Pew Cushion plan; approved to have a sample made from our lowest bidder
- Carpet/Paint Refresh in Narthex (donor paid for new carpeting – install 6/18)
- DCC Sponsorship – we have 3 first timers & 3 returners

- Trustees walked grounds – envisioning of next projects (i.e., sidewalks, ADA compliance, Courtyard, entrance way, etc.)
- Likely in future, they will host an envisioning night for all

### **Fundraising, Stewardship, and Outreach (John)**

- Strawberry Festival planning is coming along nicely; we have met 3 times
- Women's Fellowship funded purchase of Cotton Candy machine
- Men's Fellowship is renting a Dunk Tank from ABC Rental
- We are going to have challenges with refrigerator & freezer space
  - A member graciously offered to purchase a new chest freezer; this is in same room as existing freezer and Ed Miller confirmed that our electricity can support it
  - One of the signups is to have people bring in coolers on Friday night before the event
- George has graciously offered for us to use his 10' x 20' tent in the courtyard area for the band
- We still have quite a few volunteer positions to fill for the event
- Upcoming future events include Meat Raffle & Rummage Sale (dates tbd)

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Christian Education (Edie)**

- VBS August 19-23

#### **Missions (Edie)**

- No updates

#### **Health Ministry (provided by Debby, in advance)**

- We have purchased a 10-pamphlet acrylic holder which will go on the wall somewhere accessible to all. Area organizations have donated health related informational pamphlets for it.
- Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 27 at 7 pm.
- We will be restarting monthly blood pressure checks the first Sunday of the month in between services. This will start in September.
- We have already scheduled informational classes for September, October and November. We will pass out flyers with all the information to the congregation when August comes.

#### **Altar Guild (Robin)**

- New schedule published (for next 6 months)

#### **Memorials (George)**

- No updates
- Current balance in account is \$3,913.40

#### **PPRC/Admin (George)**

- No updates

#### **Community Assistance Ministry (Dave)**

- No updates

#### **Environmental Ministry (Pierre)**

- Will be coordinating an upcoming meeting
- Have begun discussing plans for the berm (which cannot be referred to as a berm, per the town) and surrounding areas
- Discussion of planting native shrubs, plantings, and a natural habitat
- Consideration to be given on starting a raised garden as we have in the past
- We may not be able to plant shrubs on top of the berm/not berm because the town will not allow it to exceed a certain height

### **Network of Religious Communities (Pierre)**

- No updates

### **Community Dinners (Bob)**

- Last one we had went well; somewhat lighter turnout due to parking lot
- Regardless, we still gave away 159 meals

### **Food Pantry (John)**

- Jeff recently made a purchase run to restock the pantry
- There are many sticky notes for items that we need on back of door
- We still have funding available to continue
- One challenge we are continuing to face is individuals who take more than their share (despite signage with limits)
- Part of this may be attributed to language barriers as well as some mental illness
- Thoughts were giving on allocating and distributing limited amounts of specific items that are higher in value or tend to disappear fastest (like detergents, toilet paper, paper towels, etc.) vs. having these items free-form stocked on the shelves
- Pastor will have a follow-up conversation with Jeff about this

### **Coffee Hour (Ted)**

- As we approach summer, Gaye and Ted will be switching to cookies & conversation
- There were some issues with the large coffee urn so we'll be switching to a smaller capacity unit

### **Old Business**

- Ken Voght needs to meet with the Trustees in order to finish the church audit.
- New T-shirts will probably be in this Sunday! Thanks Cyle!
- Men's Fellowship is June 22nd at the Family Tree. Thank you, Dave for getting this started again!
- Fall Church Cleanup - set date for **September 22 (after each service)**.
- Debby created a Consistory Manual/Handbook. Pastor will send this out to Consistory for our review.
- Professional/Hobby directory is being created. To submit yours, fill out this link:  
<https://www.zionuccton.com/professional-directory/>

### **New Business**

- None

### **Closing Prayer**

- In the Church, for the people, with one another. Amen.

### **Next Meeting**

- August 13<sup>th</sup> (We will not meet in July.)

**Closing:** 8:38pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Pauling  
(filling in for Debby Williams, Consistory Secretary)