

St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Amityville
Consistory Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2019

Present – Harriet Boyer, Joe Ceklosky, Gail Clifford, Marlene and Peter Dadey, Naomi Dublanica, Chad Gaiser, Autumn Herbst, Michelle Kehoe, Priscilla Knerr, Diane Kopec, Judy Leister, Katie Loomis, Ed Merkel, Melissa Millard, Brenda Nonnemaker, Marsha Pingitore, Mitch Racine, Marianne Reinert, Judy Reitz, Brian and Connie Riker, Michele Ross, Kurt Stork, Kathy Weller, and Pastor Steven.

President Connie Riker called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
Devotions given by Naomi Dublanica.

Pastor's Report

- Monthly report sent via email.
- Spoke about a family that lost a young family member, expressed how the church library has resources to help discuss death with young children.

President's Report

Connie Riker, President

- No Correspondences.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Approve the March 7, 2019 meeting minutes.

- **MOTION BY:** M. Reinert **SECOND:** D. Kopec **VOTE:** All in favor

Treasurer's Report

Peter Dadey, Treasurer

	<u>March. 2019</u>	<u>2019 YTD</u>
Income	\$35,649	\$90,694
Expenses	\$36,183	\$113,639
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$533)	(\$22,945)

Budget & Finance

Diane Kopec, Committee Chair

- No meeting.
- D. Kopec stated that at March Meeting of Youth Ministry Committee it was approved to close account. Account will be added as a church line item.

Christian Education ("CE")

Priscilla Knerr, Committee Chair

- P. Knerr reviewed report.
- Easter Sunday (4/21) will be a combined class (grades preschool – 7)
- Confirmation class split on March 24th. The second year confirmands are now planning for the confirmand led service.
- May 19th is the confirmand led worship service
- Confirmation is June 2nd during 1 service (9:30)
- No Sunday School May 26th (Memorial Day)
- VBS registration is now open. The first registration cut off is May 15th.
- Next meeting is April 9th at 6:30

Church and Ministry

Marianne Reinert, Harriet Boyer Committee Co-Chairs

- M. Reinert stated committee met on 3-18-19.
- Committee reviewed and approved a Confidentiality Agreement developed by Marlin Spotts. It was created for the Financial Secretary position and was subsequently signed by Sara Lambert.
- Employee contact persons shared updates on their employees.

- Marlin shared some ideas that he is going to discuss with Pastoral Relations committee for updates to that ministry.
- More info on that will be shared with Consistory after the PRC meets.

Evangelism

Kathy Weller, Committee Chair

- K. Weller explained the plans for Ladies Retreat April 13th with Missions Committee going well.
- Prizes for Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 20th all purchased & baskets/bags will be assembled April 9th. Plastic eggs will be filled Good Friday April 19th at 1:00 PM in the Social Room.
- Planning meeting for Amity Township 300th Anniversary Committee Monday, April 8th, 7:00PM in Room 8
- Planning meeting for Community Farmer's Market on Tuesday, April 30th in Room 12 at 7:00PM
- Couples event being planned for Friday, May 31st in Fellowship Hall.
- The Evangelism, Missions & Fellowship Committees would like to combine into one large committee, as we all share a common goal to spread the word throughout the Community about the great things happening at St. Paul's & we can do this better by combining our efforts & resources.
G. Clifford suggesting combining meeting time, this would not affect votes at Consistory Meeting.
- Next Evangelism Committee meeting April 9th 7:00 PM Room 10

Facilities

Doug Reinert, Ed Merkel, Committee Co-Chairs

- E. Merkel reviewed work on light fixture repairs. The committee discovered that the bad fluorescent ballasts can be switched out with new LED ballasts at the same cost. The LED lights are brighter with fewer costs and will be changed as existing ballasts wear out. Working on replacing one room at a time using ballasts that are still good in other rooms.
- Tables will be in pavilion by end of the month.
- The rails at the rear of the church leading down to bathroom were replaced with longer rails to address safety issues.
- Committee is not in favor of locking doors during worship but did agree that it might make sense to have greeters in some type of communication with the Sexton.

Fellowship

Melissa Millard, Beth Krause, Committee Co-Chairs

- M. Millard explained that Lenten Services are going very well. Thank you to all that have come and made soup and/or deserts. Volunteers are needed to make soup for next week (4/10).
- Fellowship Snacks - two weeks that are not accounted for (5/5 and 5/19) before summer "break".

Missions

Marsha Pingitore, Brenda Nonnemaker, Michelle Ross, Committee Co-Chairs

- M. Ross reviewed that baskets are being provided for Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Basket items are due back to church on 4/14; we can meet after 10:30 church to put them together. Michelle will deliver the baskets to Daniel Boone school district on Monday, April 15th. Lisa Casner has agreed to take the lead on organizing the baskets going forward.
- At Turkey Supper the slideshow Pastor Steven prepared will be viewed. Suggestions were made to add a few picture and a couple songs. Marsha will prepare the Mission table in the library to include information about St. Paul's. Pastor Steven provided the shut-in list to Judy, who will contact them for meal choices. Tom Reitz, Lisa Bonslaver, and Lisa Casner will deliver shut in meals.
- Committee will tour the pantry at April's Mission Committee meeting, will meet at chapel at 7:00. New hours begin in April, the hours will be from 3:00 – 6:00, the Third Tuesday of the month.
- Kerry Kuhn is meeting with local schools to share homeless student program in partnership with Mary's Shelter, he will continue to keep Michelle Ross up to date. Personal hygiene items that are left over from the veteran's program, will be provided to those at shelter.
- Security Issues were discussed, the committee suggested Sunday School teachers should have each other's names and cell phone numbers. In the event they need to contact each other from their

designated room. A gate should be installed for Splash/Youth/Scouts, install a Security System and have a team of people who are vigilant and aware of behaviors.

- Discussed hanging shut-in bags on the pews throughout the year, not just at Christmas.
- Next meeting Wednesday, April 24th. Meeting will be held in Chapel after tour of Food Pantry.

SPLASH

Gail Clifford, Committee Chair

- G. Clifford stated that the SPLASH program inspection took place on March 26, 2019. No infractions were noted. Director, Marlene Dadey was complimented on the order and precision of the student and staff records. The inspector will observe the program at the pool during the Summer Program.
- Continue to advertise the Summer Program and for the 2019-2020 School Program.

Stewardship

Kurt Stork, Committee Chair

- K. Stork stated that 400 offering envelopes for 2019 were ordered.
- He explained that the monthly charge of \$57.75 is for automatic deduction service.

Technology Committee

Joe Ceklosky, Committee Chair

- J. Ceklosky reviewed that three TV's will be used at turkey supper to display a presentation Pastor is putting together.
- Data on church computers is being backed-up.
- As a committee, a response to the Intruder suggestions was emailed directly to C. Riker.

Worship and Music

Judy Reitz, Debbie Davis, Committee Co-Chairs

- J. Reitz stated that Committee is working on Maundy Thursday service. Looking for readers of the Scriptures selections and volunteers to strip the alter.

Youth Ministry

Mitch Racine, Youth Leader

- M. Racine discussed setting up a painting day for Youth Room.
- On April 17th, Youth Group will serve at Hope Rescue Mission.
- Planning on going to Amity Manor for Birthday parties.
- Other events include a Summer lock-in and Fall 30 Hour Famine.
- M. Racine explained an email sent by a parent of one of the Youth Group members. She stated that the kids have always been excepting of her daughter. M. Racine said the youth are helpful and welcoming to new kids.
- Next meeting April 16th.

Deacons

- No report.

Elders

- No report.

Other Committee Reports

- C. Riker explained church security feedback will be given to Ken Biles.
- Church Directory Committee – M. Millard explained that church has been assigned an account manager from Lifetouch. This year's directory will be simplified to include family photos and names (no activity pages). The book will be slightly smaller in size, however we will also have an on-line directory that can be accessed from anywhere at any time. We will be setting up a meeting with our account manager to finalize dates for the photoshoot days this fall.

Old Business

- G. Clifford asked about the restructuring of cash accounts. C. Riker stated she is not aware of any updates. D. Kopec explained that Alan Ross is reviewing the account.

New Business

- M. Reinert asked for volunteers for Turkey Supper.

Expenditure Approvals

- **MOTION:** Approve Office and Splash payment requests as follows:
Up to \$2500 – Splash summer field trips
Up to \$5000 – Splash transportation to pool and summer field trips
\$400.00 – Maple Spring Swimming Association
Up to \$150.00 – Splash supplies
Up to \$450 – First Aid/CPR Training
Up to \$100 – Office Supplies
\$110 – Stamps
\$24.48 – Colored copy paper
MOTION BY: B. Riker **SECOND:** C. Gaiser **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Missions Committee payment requests as follows:
\$200.00 – Mobile Food Bank (Student Backpacks)
\$250.00 – Meroy Community Crisis Program (2x year)
\$50.00 – Sarah Racine(Monthly)
MOTION BY: B. Riker **SECOND:** C. Gaiser **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Evangelism Committee payment requests as follows:
\$28.24 – Easter Egg Hunt Prizes
\$300.00 – Amity Township 300th Anniversary Sponsorship
MOTION BY: B. Riker **SECOND:** C. Gaiser **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Worship & Music Committee payment requests as follows:
\$200.00 – John Stoudt Trumpeter for Palm Sunday
MOTION BY: B. Riker **SECOND:** C. Gaiser **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Technology Committee payment requests as follows:
\$179.98 – 4TB Hard Drives (Backups)
MOTION BY: B. Riker **SECOND:** C. Gaiser **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Stewardship Committee payment requests as follows:
\$815.25 – 2019 Offering Envelopes
MOTION BY: B. Riker **SECOND:** C. Gaiser **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Facilities Committee payment requests as follows:
\$600.00 – Victory Fire Protection
\$20.16 – Boyertown Supply (toilet repair)
\$269.92 – Denny Electric (lights)
\$253.54 – Reading Foundry & Supply (Plumbing)
\$59.28 – Weavers Ace Hardware (Water Softener)
MOTION BY: B. Riker **SECOND:** C. Gaiser **VOTE:** All in favor

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.
- Next Consistory meeting was set for May 1, 2019 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Kehoe
Secretary