

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Amityville**  
**Consistory Meeting Minutes**  
**July 11, 2018**

**Present:** Harriet Boyer, Joe Ceklosky, Marlene and Peter Dadey, Heidi Fisher, Chad Gaiser, Diane and Paul Kopec, Judy Leister, Katie Loomis, Donna Pennypacker, Brian and Connie Riker, Alan Ross, Kathy Weller, Priscilla Knerr, Marianne Reinert, Naomi Dublanica, Judy Reitz, Melissa Millard, Doug Reinert, Anne McLain, Linda Okuniewski

President Diane Kopec called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The members recited the mission statement, and Brian Riker led a brief period of devotions.

**Security Committee** – No report

**Pastor's Report:**

- *Appreciation expressed by Narcotics Anonymous who asked to add another day to meet (Saturday)*
- *Thanks to Charlie for his sermon and for being present to help guide the conversation for the Coffee and Conversation meeting*
- *Thanks to Marlene for assistance with the phone system and fire alarm troubleshooting*
- *During annual review with the UCC, Pastor Steven has been asked to get more involved @ the UCC level*
- *Looking forward to Mission Trip Birdsboro*
- *Lots of community buzz about the Peach Shed (new Multi Purpose Pavilion)*
- *Promoting Cradle to Grave support of congregation and Naomi launching a Journey Through Grief Support Program (possible 12 part series; join any time; loss includes divorce, death, dementia; limit group to 6-10)*
- *Working with Diane Kopec to organize the Mortgage Burning event on Sunday, 8/12*

**President's Report:**

- Consistory picnic will be held August 1 at the parsonage.
- Signage across from Boyer's needs to reflect the current summer worship hours and Pastor's correct title. Accountability for ensuring proper signage falls on the Worship Committee. Doug Reinert will take action to put up correct signage.
- Diane met with the church's insurance company to evaluate if insurance coverage is adequate and to ensure the new multi-purpose pavilion is added to the policy. Policy may also need coverage for terrorism events.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** Approve the June 6, 2018 meeting minutes.

**MOTION BY:** Judy Leister

**SECOND:** Paul Kopec

**VOTE:** All in Favor

**Treasurer's Report:** *Pete Dadey*

	<u>June 2018</u>	<u>2018 YTD</u>
Income:	\$33,929	\$236,429
Expenses:	\$53,239	\$240,471
Surplus/(Deficit )	(\$19,310)	\$ (4,042)

*Treasurer Notes:*

Giving is impacted by low summer attendance.

A large insurance payment was made in June .

Our year to date *deficit* in 2017 was \$13,044.

Report was filed for audit.

**Budget & Finance:** - *Alan Ross*

- No Report

**Christian Education:** - *Priscilla Knerr*

- VBS was a success.
- New format tried this year with children rotating to various teams – music, snack, craft, recreation and story.
- 100 children attended, including 13 6<sup>th</sup> graders that helped with the various teams.
- Next meeting August 7<sup>th</sup>

**Church and Ministry:** - *Marianne Reinert*

- Fallon Bentley will be stepping down from Nursery Position. Volunteers will backfill for now. Potential for a SPLASH employee wanting the extra hours.
- Marianne Reinert reviewed the newly created Facility Coordinator job description. Discussion about the Facility Coordinator position was held with several suggestions. Church and Ministry will review the suggestions and comments made about the position.
- Marianne presented a revised Custodian job description that would increase the number of hours worked from 32 hours to 35 hours a week. Since that will have budgetary impacts, Alan Ross presented a report showing that the increase in hours would increase the custodial budget by \$1,964.
- **MOTION:** Custodial position to be raised from 32 hours per week to 35 hours per week effective next pay period.
  - **MOTION BY:** Marianne Reinert      **SECOND:** Katie Loomis      **VOTE:** All in favor

**Evangelism:** – *Kathy Weller*

- The Committee will move to a more consistent meeting day - the 3rd Tuesday every other month.

**Facilities:** - *Doug Reinert*

- Chapel repairs scheduled for 7/12.
- Electrician should be complete with the new Multi Purpose Pavilion work by 7/13
- Committee will be using unused Endowment Fund disbursement for painting in the FLMC after accepting a competitive bid. Work should begin after Peach Festival.
- Following a lightning storm, the fire alarm system sustained damage to its main circuit board. Cost to repair the fire alarm is \$2,530.
- **MOTION:** To approve the repair to the fire alarm system at a cost of \$2,530.
  - **MOTION BY:** Doug Reinert      **SECOND:** Paul Kopec      **VOTE:** All in favor

**Fellowship:** – *Melissa Millard*

- Rally Day is scheduled for the last Sunday in August

**Missions:** – *Donna Pennypacker*

- Second Coffee and Conversation held on Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>
- Debbie Davis and Judy Reitz are continuing to work on the project of connecting with our students away at college.

**Stewardship:** – *Paul Kopec*

- No Report

**Technology Committee:** - *Joe Ceklosky*

- The three quotes obtained for the replacement of our current telephone system were reviewed.
- Ironton Telephone/Service Electric: \$5,627, Berks Western: \$6,673 and a third company: \$3,100.
- **MOTION:** Accept the quote form Ironton Telephone for \$5,627 to replace the phone system with 50% of the overall cost to be paid up front upon signing the contract.
  - **MOTION BY:** Joe Ceklosky      **SECOND:** Anne McLain      **VOTE:** All in favor

**Worship and Music:** - *Judy Reitz*

- No Report

**Youth Ministry:** - Heidi Fisher

- Working on:
  - July 18<sup>th</sup> Hope rescue Mission Night
  - July 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Overnight Retreat for Grades 3-6
  - Peach Festival activities
  - 9/28 Sight and Sound Trip
- Evaluating results from a survey to youth parents.

**Deacons:** - No report

**Elders:** - No report

**Nominating Committee**

Connie Riker reported that the Nominating Committee has been formed and will include: Connie Riker (chair), Priscilla Knerr (Committee Chair), Anita Zuber (Elder), and Chad Gaiser (Deacon). Committee will begin meeting in late July or mid-August to work around vacations.

**Old Business:**

- Anne McLain to lead the August 1<sup>st</sup> devotions.
- Diane Kopec and Connie Riker are working to fill the Deacon position left vacant by the passing of Bruce Galambos.
- Youth Relocation discussion tabled until the August Consistory meeting.

### Expenditure Approvals:

- **MOTION:** Approve Christian Education payment of up to \$200.00 for Splash supplies  
**MOTION BY:** Naomi Dublanica                      **SECOND:** Alan Ross                      **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Office expenditure of \$110.00 for postage.  
**MOTION BY:** Naomi Dublanica                      **SECOND:** Alan Ross                      **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Worship expenditure of \$42.20 for the Upper Room Magazine.  
**MOTION BY:** Judy Reitz                      **SECOND:** Donna Pennypacker                      **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve expenditure of \$230.00 for custodial supplies.  
**MOTION BY:** Naomi Dublanica                      **SECOND:** Alan Ross                      **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Facility Committee payment requests as follows:
  - \$44.76 for weed killer
  - \$270.00 for snowplowing
  - \$182.00 for chair repairs**MOTION BY:** Doug Reinert                      **SECOND:** Paul Kopec                      **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Missions Committee payment requests as follows:
  - \$50.00 monthly missionary support for Sarah Racine
  - \$250.00 annual support for Mary's Shelter
  - \$700.00 for the balance of annual support of Bethany Children Home**MOTION BY:** Donna Pennypacker                      **SECOND:** Alan Ross                      **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Evangelism expenditure of \$95.25 for UCC brochures.  
**MOTION BY:** Kathy Weller                      **SECOND:** Connie Riker                      **VOTE:** All in favor

### Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.
- The next meeting of the Consistory of St. Paul's UCC, Amityville, will be held on Wednesday, August 1, 2018, at 7:00 PM following a meal of fellowship at the parsonage that begins at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Riker  
Diane Kopec