

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Amityville  
Consistory Meeting Minutes  
July 6, 2022**

**Present** – Marlene Dadey, Debbie Davis, Judi Flickinger, Chad Gaiser, Brenda Haas, Jackie Hertzog, Judy Leister, Susan Lincoln, Kay Nyman, Linda Okuniewski, Marsha Pingitore, Judy Reitz, Alan Ross, Michele Ross, Ralph Schafer, Martha Sitler, Carol Sterner, Kathy Weller, Kelly Yanos, Anita Zuber, Pastor Steven  
Devotions were given by Martha Sitler.

**Pastor's Report**

- Report was emailed. Pastor Steven reminded Consistory members to sign up for the August picnic at the parsonage.

**President's Report**

**Anita Zuber, President**

- No correspondence

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Approve May meeting minutes as presented.

**MOTION BY:** Jackie Hertzog      **SECOND:** Chad Gaiser

**VOTE:** All in favor

**MOTION:** Approve June meeting minutes as presented.

**MOTION BY:** Debbie Davis      **SECOND:** Judi Flickinger

**VOTE:** All in favor

**Treasurer's Report**

**Peter Dadey, Treasurer**

	<u>June 2022</u>	<u>YTD 2022</u>
<b>Income</b>	\$ 46,324	245,496
<b>Expenses</b>	44,103	236,237
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	2,221	9,259

Several items of note:

- Envelope giving is down 14% compared with June 30 a year ago.
- SPLASH revenue is up \$26,646 compared with last year
- Expenses are up almost \$36,000 compared with this date last year.
- Our surplus is \$18,479 less than it was on June 30, 2021.
- Natural Gas 2022 budgeted \$10,000 for the year, but have already spent \$10,562 by June 30.

**New Business**

- Michele Ross reported on the results of four congregational surveys and discussion at the Coffee and Conversation held after worship on June 26. She made the following recommendations based on the consensus of respondents:
- Beginning September 11, 2022
  - Adult Sunday School classes will continue to meet at 8:30 a.m.
  - Fellowship time (with refreshments in FLMC) will run from 9:30 – 9:45.
  - Worship will begin at 9:45.
  - Sunday School for children, divided into two age groups, will be offered concurrently with worship.

**MOTION:** Approve the new schedule as presented.

**MOTION BY:** Michele Ross      **SECOND:** Judy Reitz

**VOTE:** All in favor

**Budget, Finance & Stewardship**

**Jackie Hertzog, Committee Chair**

- No report

### **Christian Education**

**Judy Reitz, Committee Chair**

- Written report sent.
  - Judy highlighted this year's successful VBS program which served 50 students, with 32 volunteers.
  - We will have a Fall Fest in October instead of Rally Day. The Fall Fest will be open to all ages and will be held following worship.
  - Confirmation II will have 8 students, Confirmation I will have 5, and there are 5 students eligible for Pre-Confirmation this year.
  - "Connect" will not resume at this time. Students are encouraged to attend Youth Group.
  - The next meeting is August 16.
- Marlene's Christian Education and SPLASH reports were emailed

### **Church and Ministry**

**Richard Zuber, Committee Chair**

- No report.
- Alan Ross reported that Emily Zimmerman has reached her one-year anniversary with St. Paul's and, as agreed, she received a 3% salary increase.

### **Evangelism**

**Linda Okuniewski, Committee Chair**

- No report – will meet next week.

### **Facilities**

**Brian Casner, Committee Chair**

- No report

### **Fellowship**

**Judy Leister, Committee Chair**

- Provided cake and refreshments for the Tornado 100 event which was very well-attended.

### **Missions**

**Marsha Pingitore, Brenda Haas, Committee Co-Chairs**

- Report emailed. Met June 22.
- Visited residents at Birdsboro Lodge – served ice cream and played games
- Our church will host the closing celebration for MTBB on July 24 from 1 – 3 p.m. Help is needed.
- Next meeting 7/27

### **SPLASH**

**Gail Clifford, Committee Chair**

- No report.

### **Technology Committee**

**Kay Nyman, Committee Chair**

- No report. Will meet 8/15

### **Worship and Music**

**Michele Ross, Committee Chair**

- Report emailed. Next meeting October 17.

**Youth Ministry**  
**Chair**

**Lori Falstich, Committee**

- Report emailed. Anita reminded everyone that Peach Festival T-shirts are still available in two colors.

**Deacons**

- Volunteers with Home Helpers planted flowers for Marian Kirlin. Also reached out to two church families with someone being discharged from the hospital.

**Elders**

- No Report

**Other Committee Reports**

- Scouts – Kathy Weller reported that Scout Pack #597 is participating in the Family Den Pilot Program which allows interested girls to join. She explained that the girls' den meets separately and must have at least one female leader present. As the sponsoring organization, St. Paul's is required to sign a statement approving the pack's participation in the pilot. A copy of the signed Memorandum of Understanding will be kept with the minutes of this meeting.

**MOTION:** To approve the participation of BSA Pack #597, chartered by St. Paul's UCC, Amityville, in the Family Den Pilot Program provided by Boy Scouts of America, Hawk Mountain Council, following all BSA National Council rules and guidelines.

**MOTION BY:** Alan Ross

**SECOND:** Ralph Schafer

**VOTE:** Approved

- Fundraising Committee – the Quiche Sale in June netted \$317. Continuing to collect purses for the October sale.
- Peach Festival Committee – The Peach Festival will take place on August 20. White Elephant Sale will run for 4 days beginning August 17.

**Old Business**

- Memorial Fund – Alan Ross reported that funds given as memorial gifts are currently kept in the Memorial Fund for two years, but are not earning any interest. If not spent, the funds are then transferred to the Endowment Committee. It was suggested that Memorial donations should be placed in an interest-bearing account and kept longer in the fund to which they were given, and that a greater effort be made by church committees to find and suggest appropriate items for which those funds could be used.

**MOTION:** To move Memorial Funds to a separate interest-bearing account and be kept there until used to purchase memorial gifts. If not used within 5 years, the disposition of those funds will be reviewed.

**MOTION BY:** Judy Reitz

**SECOND:** Ralph Schafer

**VOTE:** All in favor

**New Business**

- **Devotions** – for the meeting on August 3 will be given by Alan Ross  
**The August 3 meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a picnic at the parsonage.**

### Expenditure Approvals

- **MOTION:** Approve payment request for SPLASH as follows:  
Up to \$500 – Supplies  
\$94.50 – Ice Cream truck balance
- **MOTION:** Approve Facilities Committee payment request as follows:  
\$250.00 for Custodial Supplies  
\$106.94 – Ace Hardware
- **MOTION:** Approve VBS payment request as follows:  
\$17.94 - cups  
\$47.98 – aprons for crafts  
\$41.98 – supplies  
\$45.32 - craft supplies
- **MOTION:** Approve Worship Committee payment request as follows:  
\$44.88 for Upper Room  
\$250.00 – Piano tuning  
\$400.00 – Andrew Heimel – substitute organist July 10 and 31  
\$200.00 – Andrew Heimel – substitute organist August 21
- **MOTION:** Approve Missions Committee payment request as follows:  
\$300 for The Truth Collective (Sarah Racine) bi-annual support  
\$300 for On Common Ground (Kerry Kuhn) bi-annual support
- **MOTION:** Approve Youth Committee payment request as follows:  
\$775.00 balance of R-Phils tickets (Youth Ministry is covering the cost for 8 youth  
\$248.00 the remainder is in/out money
- **MOTION:** Approve Fellowship Committee payment request as follows:  
\$93.46 – Tornado 100 – cake, drinks, paper supplies
- **MOTION:** Approve Christian Education Committee payment request as follows:  
Up to \$200 for supplies
- **MOTION:** Approve Fundraising Committee payment request as follows:  
\$193.41 – ingredients for the quiche sale

**MOTION BY:** Chad Gaiser      **SECOND:** Judy Leister      **VOTE:** All in favor

### Adjournment:

- At 8:35 pm.  
**MOTION BY:** Carol Sterner      **SECOND:** Linda Okuniewski      **VOTE:** All in favor
  - Next Consistory meeting was set for Wednesday, August 3 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Sitler  
Secretary