

St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Amityville
Consistory Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2021

Present – Joe Ceklosky, Marlene Dadey, Peter Dadey, Debbie Davis, Lori Falstich, Chad Gaiser, Brenda Haas, Jackie Hertzog, Michelle Kehoe, Beth Krause, Judy Leister, Kay Nyman, Linda Okuniewski, Judy Reitz, Alan Ross, Michele Ross, Carol Sterner, Anita Zuber, Richard Zuber

President Alan Ross called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.
Devotions were given by Linda Okuniewski.

Pastor's Report

- Report was emailed, he is on vacation this week.

President's Report

Alan Ross, President

- No report.

Approval of Minutes

Due to lack of quorum, no motion was made, minutes from May 2, 2021 meeting will be approved at July 7, 2021 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Peter Dadey, Treasurer

	<u>May 2021</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>
Income	\$70,469.50	\$188,726
Expenses	\$27,789.93	\$160,664
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$42,679.87	\$ 28,062

Budget, Finance & Stewardship

Jackie Hertzog, Committee Chair

- J. Hertzog reported the committee did not meet in May.
- Paul Kopec and J. Hertzog completed the 2020 Audit.
- Next meeting in August.

Christian Education

Judy Reitz, Committee Chair

- J. Reitz reported the committee welcomed 2 new members Tricia Benner and Dana Godfrey.
- The flowers not distributed on Mother's Day were given to Youth Ministry to plant in front of the FLMC.
- There will be no small group Sunday school scheduled for June, July and August.
- VBS will be held June 21 - June 25. There are 22 children registered - all in-person. There will be no "do at home" due to lack of interest. There is still a need for group leaders. Several young people have volunteered as helpers. Masks will not be required for outside activities. Inside mask wearing will be optional.
- Danny Spotts and Grant Pingitore were trained as acolytes.
- Rally Day on September 12 will be a church picnic.
- A survey was sent out to all members concerning the fall schedule for Sunday School and church.
- A balloon, card and book were delivered to our 2021 high school and college graduates. Youth Ministry added a book mark to the gift for each graduate.
- Next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13.

Church and Ministry

Richard Zuber, Committee Chair

- R. Zuber reported Marlin Spotts is working with new employee Emily. Emily's office and laptop are ready for her to start on June 7th.

Evangelism

Linda Okuniewski, Kay Nyman Co-Committee Chairs

- L. Okuniewski reported committee meet on May 12th.
- Focused on how we would use the May 22nd Ladies Aid Yard Sales as a blueprint for proposed St. Paul's Community Market. Plan to attend Yard Sale and scout out the logistics for our own event.
- On 5/22 members of the committee attended the Ladies Aid sale where we provided literature about St. Paul's, handed out Kleenex packets labeled with St. Paul's address/contact info, and handed out fliers announcing our Community Market to be held June 26, 2021.
- Our event is being called St. Paul's Community Market and our intent is to make it possible for people to purchase a spot for \$10. Businesses and vendors having retail items will be welcomed. Committee will be selling scones and coffee in the morning hours and hot dogs and water in the afternoon.
- Flyers are being distributed by numerous people and being posted in local businesses. K. Nyman has created an on-line registration form that can be accessed from St. Paul's website. Printed copies can also be made available by contacting Kay. The event is now posted on our webpage under Upcoming Events and Pastor Steven will be posting it to Facebook. Kay is also currently working on getting it on All Around Douglassville and other yard sale Facebook sites. Finally, we will be attending Birdsboro's Farmers Market on Sat 6/5 to distribute flyers to vendors there in hope of drawing them to our event. To date we have received 4 reservations for spaces (over and above the spaces allotted for Ladies Aid).
- One future idea, proposed by Doris Johnson was to develop a way to reach out to new homeowners in our area. Initial thoughts include making a mailer that we could send. Names and addresses would be obtained from the local newspaper real estate transactions list. This is in very early planning stage as our focus at present is on getting the "Market" up and running.
- K. Nyman stated that the intent is not to make money, but to draw people to our church, any proceeds we make from the sale of food, committee would like to put into a fund called "Helping Hands". M. Dadey reviewed how the committee budget needs to change to show expenses. A. Ross stated Budget and Finance would discuss.

Facilities

Doug Reinert, Ed Merkel, Committee Co-Chairs

- No Report.

Fellowship

Melissa Millard, Beth Krause, Committee Co-Chairs

- B. Krause reported that on June 13th refreshments will be served to congratulate seniors, confirmands, and to welcome Emily. Volunteers are need to bring snacks to event, several members of Consistory volunteered to provide snacks.

Missions

Marsha Pingitore, Brenda Haas, Committee Co-Chairs

- B. Haas reported committee met on Wednesday, May 26th.
- St. Paul's Families - the need for continued support, encouragement, and love through cards, phone calls, meals (Meal Train)
- Community Ministry - brainstorming ways to utilize our building and getting members involved in active "hands on" ministry. M. Pingitore will set up a meeting with Pastor Jim about their Food Ministry at St Marks and also, the school about their Summer Meals Program for the students in Daniel Boone.
- Mary's shelter - Looking to set up another walk-through about their work and the extension of the "Homeless Youth Program". How can we be involved?
- MTBB - Ways to support the program by doing snacks, treats for the workers on site, helping with indoor mission projects, Youth Group partnering with this program.
- Sarah Racine - Setting up another Mission Moment that she can come speak to our members about her current work and ministry in supporting Muslim Women.
- Christmas Wish Tree - Continuing to seek out interested members to take over the program.
- Next Meeting scheduled - June 23rd

SPLASH

Gail Clifford, Committee Chair

- M. Dadey reported SPLASH received \$31,900 from Cares Act to go into General Fund.
- Summer Program starts on Monday; 21 children are attending.
- Fall Registration has started.

Technology Committee

Joe Ceklosky, Committee Chair

- J. Ceklosky reported a new laptop was purchased for new Youth Leader, Emily Zimmerman.
- Committed has finalized the streaming plans for the summer. There will be one service at 9:30am in the church. During the months of July and August, committee will run the live stream in the FLMC for those who wish to attend in the air conditioning.
- Next meeting Monday, June 21st at 7:30pm.

Worship and Music

Michele Ross, Committee Chair

- M. Ross reported no meeting held in May.
- Back to “normal” worship on Sunday. The ropes have been removed and worshippers are able to sit where they would like to.
- Masks are required for unvaccinated worshippers.
- Bibles and Hymnals will remain in pews.
- Summer service will continue at 9:30am
- A survey was sent out to church members regarding planning for the fall schedule regarding times for service and Sunday School.
- Next Meeting June 26th at 7:00pm.

Youth Ministry

Lori Falstich, Committee Chair

- M. Kehoe read L. Falstich’s report sent via email.
- Youth Ministry met via Zoom on May 19.
- Thanks to all who donated to the pajama drive. 50 sets of pajamas were collected for Fostering Hope.
- Youth groups (grades 6-12) were held 5/12 (9 youth) and 5/26 (14 youth).
- We planted the gardens at the FLMC entrance (in the rain) on 5/26. Thanks to Marie Hausman, who made a generous donation for flowers.
- Future youth groups will be planned after Emily’s arrival.
- Our new Youth Leader, Emily Zimmerman, will be in the office starting Monday, June 7. Marianne will be in to review the employee packet and Marlin will be taking her to lunch.
- Sunday, June 13: reception following worship at the Peach Pavilion to meet & greet Emily, and celebrate our Confirmands and graduates. Contact Melissa Millard if you would like to help/donate a food item.
- Youth group (6-12) night at Skyzone planned for 6/30 from 6:30-8 pm.
- St. Paul’s night at R. Phil’s planned for Thursday, August 12. Email sent to congregation with ticket information.
- Next meeting: June 23 @ 7:30 pm.

Deacons

- No report.

Elders

- No report.

Other Committee Reports

Fundraising Committee

- B. Haas reported the Peach Festival will be held in September.
- No Cook Sunday will be June 27th, pre-orders will be taken for Hoagies

Old Business

New Business

Devotions – will be given by Michele Ross.

Expenditure Approvals

- **MOTION:** Approve SPLASH payment request as follows:
\$209.07 – Supplies for individual use packs
Up to \$300 – Summer snacks and supplies
Up to \$200 – Last day lunch at Vincenzo's
- **MOTION:** Approve Office payment request as follows
\$63.50 – 3 UCC desk calendars
- **MOTION:** Approve Custodial payment requests as follows:
\$300.00 – Supplies
- **MOTION:** Approve VBS payment request as follows:
Up to \$200.00 – Supplies and snacks
- **MOTION:** Approve Missions Committee payment request as follows:
\$250.00 – Wycliffe Bible Translators
\$250.00 – Safe Berks
\$50.00 – On Common Ground Kerry Kuhn Street Ministry (Monthly)
- **MOTION:** Approve Facility payment request as follows:
\$3,000.00 – Cemetery mowing
\$898.00 – AED replacement pads and batteries
- **MOTION:** Approve Evangelism payment request as follows:
\$21.48 – Bread for Confirmation

Due to lack of quorum at meeting, A. Ross sent an email to Consistory members on Saturday, June 5th asking for email vote to approve paying Expenditures as listed.

MOTION BY: W. Falstich

SECOND: A. Ross

VOTE: All in favor

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.
- Next Consistory meeting was set for July 7, 2021 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Kehoe
Secretary