

St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Amityville
Consistory Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2019

Present - Ken Biles, Harriet Boyer, Joe Ceklosky, Peter Dadey, Autumn Herbst, Michelle Kehoe, Priscilla Knerr, Judy Leister, Katie Loomis, Melissa Millard, Marsha Pingitore, Doug and Marianne Reinert, Judy Reitz, Brian and Connie Riker, Alan and Michelle Ross, Ralph Schafer, Brenda Nonnemaker, Kurt Stork, Mitch Racine, Carol Sterner, Kathy Weller, and Pastor Steven.

President Connie Riker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
Devotions given by Brian Riker

Pastor's Report

- Pastor reviewed upcoming Conferences – April 28th and May 31st – June 1. He will email consistory members about attending.
- Pastor's written report – attended 4 staff meetings, 95 meetings with leaders/committee chairs/staff, and 6 committee meetings.
- Pastoral Ministry – 2 home visits, 2 nursing home visits, 6 hospital visits, 2 home communions, 51 pastoral care incidents and outreach to 6 visitors.
- Youth and Christian Ed. – Dropped in on SPLASH, Cub Scouts, Youth Group, Odyssey of Minds, , Arco-Angels, Girl Scout troops, Sunday School classes, and taught new members class.

President's Report

Connie Riker, President

- C. Riker stated there were no official correspondences.

MOTION: To approve the cost of CPR training for members of the congregation who volunteer to support the need at a cost of \$35 per person for a maximum of 10 individuals for a total cost not to exceed \$350 with the assumption that Budget and Finance can determine a funding source for this unbudgeted expense.

- **MOTION BY:** A. Ross **SECOND:** J. Reitz **VOTE:** 17 in favor, 2 opposed Motion carried

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Approve the February 6, 2019 meeting minutes as presented.

- **MOTION BY:** B. Riker **SECOND:** A. Herbst **VOTE:** All in favor

Treasurer's Report

Peter Dadey, Treasurer

	<u>Feb. 2019</u>	<u>2019 YTD</u>
Income	\$26,628	\$55,045
Expenses	\$36,171	\$77,456
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$9,543)	(\$22,411)

- P. Dadey stated that the deficit for Feb. 2018 was (\$25,215). This time of year income comes in slow.
- Treasurer's Report will be filed for Audit.

Budget & Finance

Diane Kopec, Committee Chair

- No Report.

Christian Education (“CE”)

Priscilla Knerr, Committee Chair

WAITING FOR REPORT FROM PRISCILLA.

- Children sang at March 2nd Sunday Service, children decorated cookies between Sunday school and Church. They will sing again for Mother’s Day.
- Sunday School Classes will be using a 6 week Easter Curriculum.

Church and Ministry

Marianne Reinert, Harriet Boyer Committee Co-Chairs

- No Report. Meeting on March 18th.

Evangelism

Kathy Weller, Committee Chair

Successful Ladies Night Out February 8th – 40 women in attendance – viewed DVD with Liz Curtis Higgs. Next event being planned for couples in June

- Ten new members joined February 24th
- Continued planning with Missions Committee for Ladies Retreat April 13th with Jessie Seneca
- Planning started for Community Easter Egg Hunt April 20th on grounds of St. Paul’s
- Continued planning for Amity Township 300th Anniversary Jamboree May 18th in Community Park. K. Weller stated she is looking for a handout for event. Priced reusable bags, cost 100 at \$2.50 each. M. Reinhart suggested combining with another committee and purchase more to lower cost. K. Weller stated that the Cat’s Meow Chapels would be given out at event. C. Riker thought church didn’t plan for events, would it be possible to do a handout at events later in the year. C. Riker reviewed that the church’s event sponsorship includes a table at each event, banners and yard signs.
- Melissa Millard has graciously volunteered to spearhead the 2020 Church Pictorial

Facilities

Doug Reinert, Ed Merkel, Committee Co-Chairs

- D. Reinert stated that the building surge protector needs to be replaced at a cost of \$5,500. Ladies Aid has offered to cover that expense.
- Sanctuary heaters are fixed, the bride’s room heater still needs to be repaired.
- Light ballasts are being replaced.
- Fire alarm issues over the past weeks has been fixed. Keys were made for Fire Department.
- Spring Clean-up will take place before the Easter Egg Hunt.
- K. Loomis asked if parking lot lights were being changed. D. Reinert stated that as they go out they will be replaced. B. Nonnemaker asked cost of lights, D. Reinert replied \$70 each. K. Weller asked about more lighting at the front of the church. D. Reinert stated he would look at it.

Fellowship

Melissa Millard, Beth Krause, Committee Co-Chairs

- No Report.

Missions

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

- M. Pingitore stated the committee met on February 27th along with members of Evangelism to continue to discuss ways to support our congregation members and community in Ministry & Mission work. Plans are in place to determine needs for our Coffee & Conversation Groups, 300th anniversary, men’s bible studies, and couples retreats.
- Food Pantry tour was moved to March meeting due to daylight savings. We are continuing efforts to brainstorm ideas to better this ministry through possible date/time changes, M. Pingitore stated that other Food Pantry locations are serving over 100 families, ours currently serves under 30. (Better lighting would be needed if the times were moved to evening)

- Women’s One Day Retreat – We have had two leadership meetings. Details are coming together. At this time, other surrounding churches have been invited to attend and our rsvp deadline date is March 31st. Reviewing welcoming packet to “feature our church and programs that are offered here at St Paul’s”. M. Pingitore stated over 50 from our church have signed up.
- Mission Trip Birdsboro – Assistance applications are currently available for homeowners. Beautifying Birdsboro and a 5K Fun Run will be held in Birdsboro on April 27th. This is a fundraiser for MTB.
- Each participating church this year for MTB will be providing dinner for the participants. Pastor Joe is looking for volunteers to help serve this meal. This possible involvement is specifically meant to reach those that work during the day and can’t be off during the week.
- We completed our first series for our Women’s Bible Study and will continue after Easter. This was a very successful!
- M. Pingitore reviewed New Ideas for Mission Work including Ministry to our men (Bible studies, Couple’s Nights – possible retreats in fall), Homeless children and families in our neighboring communities and school district, Continued work with Hope Rescue Mission and Veterans Making a Difference Program, Outreach for our “own” members of this congregation that need support, encouragement and resources in tough times, and Sharing our church and all of our resources at community events –Easter Egg Hunt, Turkey Suppers, Peach Festivals, etc. to highlight what we do and what we have to offer.
- M. Pingitore stated that Turkey Supper meals will be delivered to shut-ins and the committee is looking at ways to connect with people coming into the church. B. Nonnemaker suggested playing a slide show in sanctuary during meal. M. Millard recommended using Facebook photos. Pastor Steven will meet with Committee chairs to discuss video.

SPLASH

Gail Clifford, Committee Chair

- C. Riker read report from G. Clifford. SPLASH is continuing to promote Summer Program, design activities for the summer, and promote 2019-2020 School Year Program.
- Marlene has taken multiple families on “the tour”. SPLASH asks that each of you continue to share about our program at St. Paul’s!

Security Committee Report

Ken Biles, Committee Chair

- K. Biles distributed – Questions for Consistory for members to review.
- He asked about CPR certification for church members. (It will be added to bulletin and newsletter)
- K. Biles reviewed his handout.
- C. Riker stated that information needs to be brought back to committees. Concerns and decisions need to be brought to the April Consistory meeting.
- M. Pingitore read “Fear Factor” a quote from Women’s Bible Study material. K. Biles stated there is a fear of disrupting church but he wanted church to be prepared. R. Schafer asked that church congregation and leadership be asked about what they would want to do. K. Loomis asked what is expected of each committee. M. Ross replied church is looking at being proactive, to plan ahead.
- K. Biles stated committee will meet after church on Sunday, March 9.

Stewardship

Kurt Stork, Committee Chair

- K. Stork stated that the Missions Fair was discontinued, it didn’t work. He is looking to obtain history of event and input about possible new event.

Technology Committee

Joe Ceklosky, Committee Chair

- J. Ceklosky reviewed his report. The Daktronics electronic sign issue has been fixed. The issue was found to be an expired certificate used for secure communications between two pieces of the sign software.
- The church now has three 32" Sony TV's on carts with working DVD Players and HDMI cables. These units can be moved to any location, including Sunday school rooms, to show videos or be hooked up to a computer.
- Security cameras were restored for FLMC.
- Technology Committee meetings will be held on Thursday instead of Monday for the next few months.

Worship and Music

Judy Reitz, Debbie Davis, Committee Co-Chairs

- J. Reitz stated the Worship and Music Committee met on Thursday, February 21st. The committee discussed the following: Plans for the Lenten Season, Communion once a month, Communion before Confirmation and having one service on Sunday.

Youth Ministry

Mitch Racine, Youth Leader

- M. Racine reviewed his report.
- Youth Groups - It was awesome to have all of the volunteer's setup ahead of time for February! We saw some new kids in the mix as different seasons start to change in their schedules.
 - Outreach - Our next Hope Rescue Mission will be April 17 as our January visit was canceled due to snow. We are helping occasionally at Amity Manor to put on their birthday parties about 4-6 times a year. We are starting to plan for the School assembly and outreach week for fall this year. We are starting to plan for the light brunch for the confirmands and the church on June 9th. We are looking at bring the 30 Hour famine event back for this fall with Hope Rescue.
 - Events - Winter Jam was Feb 14th. Thousands gathered for an evening of worship in Reading. 35 of us went and had a great time! We have been going as a group for years now.
 - Miscellaneous - New Youth Room - A big thank you to Brian and Mark for leading the crew on this and doing the finish work to the wall. Next steps are to clean up and paint. Then look at a carpet and chairs.
 - Some more people are showing interest on coming into the committee. Could lead to finding a replacement chair or co-chairs. Our next committee meeting is March 19th at 7pm.

Deacons

- No Report.

Elders

- B. Riker stated that the sitting elders met on Tuesday, 2/26/19. After establishing the duties of Elder/Spiritual Council, the following topics were discussed:
 - a. Ways to support the spiritual health of the Congregation - Implement an "Ask the Elders" box in which the Congregation may submit questions/ concerns/requests of a spiritual nature with a degree of anonymity with which the congregant is comfortable.
 - b. Concept of hiring a Visitation Pastor - This topic was briefly discussed, but no recommendation was made at this time.
 - c. Youth Ministry Committee Chairperson vacancy - An elder will be assigned to attend Youth Ministry meetings and work with the Committee to fill the open chair position. Additionally, the elders plan to look into combining committees with similar duties to address the issue of the dwindling number of members who are available to serve on/lead committees.

- A Ross reviewed a letter from OCWM. He stated that the church doesn't make a pledge to conference, instead the funds from Communion envelopes are sent. The letter from OCWM is looking to see why a pledge isn't being made. C. Riker suggested we respond to them and the church budget may need to be reviewed. A. Ross suggested Diane Kopec draft a letter to OCWM explaining what the church's process is for donation.

Other Committee Reports

Youth Relocation – B. Riker stated that the tile floor is not patched, looking into carpet and other options

PUP – C. Riker stated that the committee met and Kelly Yanos will stay on as chair.

Turkey Supper – H. Boyer stated committee will meet on March 14th.

Old Business

Via Email - **MOTION:** To approve St. Paul's UCC, Amityville becoming a Gold Level sponsor of Amity Township's 300th Anniversary at a non-budgeted cost of \$1200 to be paid through a combination of various sources yet to be finalized.

MOTION BY: A. Ross **SECOND:** J. Leister **VOTE:** All in favor.

New Business

- Ralph Schafer will lead the April 4 devotions.

Expenditure Approvals

- **MOTION:** Approve Facilities Committee payment requests as follows:
 \$949.00 – Repair heaters in Sanctuary
 \$415.59 – Halter Landscaping for snow removal service
 MOTION BY: A. Ross **SECOND:** J. Reitz **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Technology Committee payment requests as follows:
 \$373.12 – UBS for Computers
 \$180.00 – Computer Hard Disks
 MOTION BY: A. Ross **SECOND:** J. Reitz **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Youth Committee payment requests as follows:
 \$23.43 – Youth Room Relocation Project Lumber
 MOTION BY: A. Ross **SECOND:** J. Reitz **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Worship & Music Committee payment requests as follows:
 \$42.20 – Upper Room Booklets
 MOTION BY: A. Ross **SECOND:** J. Reitz **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Evangelism Committee payment requests as follows:
 \$399.30 – Jessie Seneca Women's Retreat
 \$76.09 – Prizes for Community Egg Hunt
 MOTION BY: A. Ross **SECOND:** J. Reitz **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Missions Committee payment requests as follows:
 \$500.00 – Life Water Annual Donation
 \$500.00 – Hopewell Love Annual Donation
 \$50.00 – Sara Racine Monthly Donation
 \$399.30 – Jessie Seneca Women's Retreat
 MOTION BY: A. Ross **SECOND:** J. Reitz **VOTE:** All in favor

- **MOTION:** Approve Office, Christian Education, Splash, and custodial payment requests as follows:
 - \$715.24 – Study Bibles (funds credited when bibles are sold)
 - \$157.94 – Confirmation stoles and picture frames
 - \$174.59 – VBS
 - Up to \$250.00 – Splash supplies
 - Up to \$100.00 – Supplies
 - \$275.00 – custodial supplies

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:16pm.
- Next Consistory meeting was set for April 4, 2019 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Kehoe
Secretary