

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Amityville**  
**Consistory Meeting Minutes**  
**May 2, 2018**

**Present:** Ken Biles, Harriet Boyer, Joe Ceklosky, Marlene and Peter Dadey, Chad Gaiser, Bruce Galambos, Priscilla Knerr, Diane and Paul Kopec, Katie Loomis, Melissa Millard, Linda Okuniewski, Donna Pennypacker, Doug & Marianne Reinert, Judy Reitz, Brian and Connie Riker, Alan Ross, Pastor Steven Simpson, Kathy Weller, Kelly Yanos

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

**Security Committee** - *Ken Biles*

- Pandemics will be added to the list of issues to be addressed.
- The Committee will work on an FLMC evacuation plan over the summer. The purchase of additional wheelchairs will be considered, and the condition of the wheelchair ramp will be assessed.
- An hazardous material inventory will be developed
- Individuals to serve on a core committee trained in CPR, first aid, and evacuation procedures are needed. Interested parties should contact Ken Biles at [Ruth.KenBiles@yahoo.com](mailto:Ruth.KenBiles@yahoo.com).
- Ken Biles stressed the importance of keeping fire lanes clear.

**Pastor's Report:**

- Volunteers are needed to serve as delegates to the Southeast Conference of Churches which is scheduled for June 1 and 2.
- The Consistory picnic will be held August 1 at the Parsonage.

**President's Report:**

**MOTION:** Execute the final paperwork to received funds from the Florence McLean estate.

**MOTION BY:** Judy Reitz     **SECOND:** Alan Ross     **VOTE:** All in favor

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** Approve the April 4, 2018, meeting minutes as presented.

**MOTION BY:** Donna Pennypacker     **SECOND:** Paul Kopec     **VOTE:** All in favor

**Treasurer's Report** – *Peter Dadey*

	<u>April 2018</u>	<u>2018 YTD</u>
Income	\$54,712	\$148,593
Expenses	\$32,998	\$155,818
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$21,714	(\$ 7,225)

**Budget & Finance:** – *No report*

**Christian Education ("CE")** – *Priscilla Knerr*

- No Sunday School classes will be held on Sunday, May 27, however acolyte training will still take place in the Sanctuary.
- The year-end Sunday School celebration will be held on June 3.
- To date more than 40 children have registered for Vacation Bible School. A photographer is needed, as well as teachers/helpers for the pre-school, grade 2, 4, and 5 classes.
- Confirmation is scheduled for May 13, and first communion will be held on May 20.

### **Church and Ministry** – *Marianne Reinert*

- The Committee will consider hiring two people for the Sexton position. Outgoing Sextons Katie and Pete Kunsch will be recognized for their service during the June 3 Sunday School celebration.
- Until a new evening custodian is hired, Debbie Millard will clean all areas of the building, and Laura and Johnny Berry will assume facility lock-up duties, for which they have already been trained.

### **Evangelism** – *No report*

### **Facilities** - *Doug Reinert*

- Two estimates for restoration of the Chapel have been received and will be reviewed with Church Mutual and Hartford Steamboiler.
- The Committee will meet to discuss stamped drawings for the Peach Festival and Multiuse building and address information requests from the township Zoning Officer.
- The Committee received a quote of \$4,600 to repaint the FLMC entrance, library, stage, and social room, with an option to save \$1,200 if the trim work were done internally.

### **Fellowship** – *No report*

### **Missions** – *Donna Pennypacker*

- A joint meeting between the Missions and Evangelism committees was held to review the results of the outreach suggestions survey.
- A “Coffee and Conversation” moment will be held on June 10, following the 9:30 worship service.
- The Committee will work on implementing a women’s bible study group.
- Brian Riker has set up a bus trip to Longwood Gardens on December 27.
- The Committee will provide brunch to the new Veterans Making a Difference facility at the Hope Rescue Mission on June 30.

### **Stewardship** – *Paul Kopec*

Five-for-five collections will be taken on May 20.

### **Technology Committee** – *Joe Ceklosky*

- Due to persistent problems, the Committee will revisit efforts to replace the phone system.
- The Committee continues to develop a list of individuals to perform various duties associated with the sound system operation and recordings. They are also addressing the need to transport the sound board to the FLMC for summer worship services.

### **Worship and Music** – *Judy Reitz*

- The summer worship schedule is being reviewed.
- The Committee will consider replacing the gluten-free bread used for communion with gluten-free wafers, which have a much longer shelf life.

### **Youth Ministry** – *No report*

### **Deacons** - *No report*

### **Elders** – *No report*

### **Old Business:**

- The Church and Ministry Committee was tasked with exploring options for hearing employee grievances outside of the committee.
- Covenant Associations membership fees will be assessed at \$2.25 per average weekly worship attendance. There are still talks of merging the Pennsylvania Northeast and Southeast conferences.
- Consistory will discuss Youth Room relocation at a future meeting when Sandra Marchiano is available.

### **New Business:**

- Kelly Yanos will lead the June 6 devotions.
- The July meeting of Consistory will be held on Wednesday, **July 11**.

### **Expenditure Approvals:**

- **MOTION:** Approve Splash payment requests as follows:
  - Up to \$4,200.00 for summer Splash transportation
  - Up to \$3,500.00 for summer Splash field trips
  - \$400.00 for Maple Springs Pool fees
  - Up to \$150.00 for Splash supplies**MOTION BY:** Alan Ross      **SECOND:** Judy Reitz      **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve office payment requests as follows:
  - Up to \$100.00 for office supplies
  - \$24.00 for Staples Plus membership
  - \$50.00 for postage stamps
  - \$63.50 for desk calendars**MOTION BY:** Marianne Reinert      **SECOND:** Linda Okuniewski      **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve expenditure of \$97.32 for replacement AED pads.  
**MOTION BY:** Alan Ross      **SECOND:** Paul Kopec      **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve expenditure of \$240.00 for custodial supplies.  
**MOTION BY:** Paul Kopec      **SECOND:** Judy Reitz      **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve expenditure of \$42.20 for Upper Room subscription.  
**MOTION BY:** Judy Reitz      **SECOND:** Chad Gaiser      **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Missions Committee payment requests as follows:
  - \$50.00 monthly missionary support for Sarah Racine
  - \$1,000.00 pledge to Mission Trip Birdsboro
  - \$147.34 to reimburse Gail Clifford for personal support of a Church friend
  - \$250.00 capital fund drive for Hope Center at Mercy Crisis Pregnancy Center
  - \$500.00 annual support for Reading Berks Conference of Churches**MOTION BY:** Donna Pennypacker      **SECOND:** Chad Gaiser      **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve expenditure of \$31.72 to replace Social Room lavatory lock.  
**MOTION BY:** Doug Reinert      **SECOND:** Alan Ross      **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Increase allocation to St. Paul's Cemetery Company to \$2,500.  
**MOTION BY:** Marianne Reinert      **SECOND:** Alan Ross      **VOTE:** All in favor

**Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.
- The next meeting of the Consistory of St. Paul's UCC, Amityville, will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly J. Yanos  
Recording Secretary