

St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Amityville
Consistory Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2017

Present: Keith Berry, Peter Dadey, Rick Davidson, Heidi Fisher, Bruce Galambos, Diane and Paul Kopec, Judy Leister, Anne McLain, Linda Okuniewski, Donna Pennypacker, Marianne Reinert, Judy Reitz, Brian and Connie Riker, Alan Ross, Pastor Steven Simpson, Kathy Weller, Kelly Yanos, Anita Zuber

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

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Steven continues to catch up from his sabbatical.

President's Report: *Diane Kopec*

- Thank-you letter received from Pastor Joe Motz for hosting the "Reaching New People" seminar.
- Thank-you letter received from Jordan Elser for the opportunity to do his Eagle Scout project.
- Diane and Paul Kopec attended the 70th Anniversary celebration of the Reading Berks Conference of Churches on October 28.
- Anyone interested in attending the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference should contact Pastor Steven.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Approve the October 4, 2017, meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION BY: Marianne Reinert **SECOND:** Rick Davidson **VOTE:** All in favor

Treasurer's Report – *Peter Dadey*

	<u>October 2017</u>	<u>2017 YTD</u>
Income	\$34,216	\$393,291
Expenses	\$26,999	\$427,984
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$ 7,216)	\$ 34,693

- Mortgage balance: \$162,236.
- The October 2017 Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Budget & Finance: *Alan Ross*

MOTION: Authorize the Technology Committee to move forward with replacing the church-wide telephone system at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00, with funds coming from the 2016 bequest.

MOTION BY: Alan Ross **SECOND:** Brian Riker **VOTE:** All in favor

Christian Education ("CE") – *Diane Kopec for Priscilla Knerr*

- "Connect," the new senior high school-age program, appears to be well accepted.
- Confirmation class served the Community Table Meal in Birdsboro on October 24.
- Sunday School classes interested in participating in this year's door decorating contest should have their doors decorated by December 3.
- A combined Sunday School class will be held at 9:00 on December 24.
- Donut Donations appear to be well accepted.
- Christmas Pageant is scheduled for December 17.

Church and Ministry – *Marianne Reinert*

MOTION: Authorize the Church and Ministry Committee to offer the position of part-time Facility Coordinator at fifteen (15) hours per week to the candidate of their choosing.

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

Evangelism – No report

Facilities - *Keith Berry*

- The Committee is seeking suggestions for future Eagle Scout projects.
- **MOTION:** Table any further action for the Sanctuary air conditioning system until spring, 2018.
MOTION BY: Anne McLain **SECOND:** Paul Kopec **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Move forward with repairs to the cemetery walls and capstones at a cost of \$7,000, and respectfully request that the Home Association consider covering the cost.
MOTION BY: Brian Riker **SECOND:** Anita Zuber **VOTE:** All in favor

Fellowship – No report

Missions –*Donna Pennypacker*

- Thanksgiving baskets will be assembled for eight (8) families chosen by Amity Elementary Center.
- The Wish Tree will be set up on Sunday, November 5.
- The Committee asked to be approved for access to the lockbox/master key.
- The Committee will attempt to provide St. Paul's with resource booklets that provide information about local people in need of assistance.
- The Committee is focusing on ways to connect with shut-in members of the church.

Stewardship – *Paul Kopec*

The Stewardship letters and financial statements will be mailed on Friday, November 3.

Technology Committee –No Report

Worship and Music – *Judy Reitz*

The Committee seeks families to serve during the Advent services.

Youth Ministry – No report

Deacons - No report

Elders:

Anne McLain noted fewer people are attending services

Nominating Committee – *Connie Riker*

- Nominating committee reports are complete.
- Connie Riker read the slate of nominees.

Old Business:

MOTION: Include \$180 in the 2018 budget for Covenant Association dues.

MOTION BY: Judy Leister **SECOND:** Rick Davidson **VOTE:** All in favor

The Covenant Association 2018 dues are set at a minimum of \$180.00 per church

New Business:

Bruce Galambos will lead the December 6 devotions.

Budget:

MOTION: Submit the proposed 2018 budget for approval at the 2017 Congregational meeting.

MOTION BY: Judy Leister **SECOND:** Rick Davidson **VOTE:** All in favor

Expenditure Approvals

- **MOTION:** Approve Worship and Music Committee payment requests as follows:
 - \$33.89 to Concordia Supply for advent candles,
 - \$161.50 to Landis Piano Services, and
 - \$42.20 to Upper Room Ministries.**MOTION BY:** Judy Reitz **SECOND:** Alan Ross **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve expenditure of \$196.00 for postage for Stewardship Committee mailing.
MOTION BY: Paul Kopec **SECOND:** Connie Riker **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Missions Committee payment requests as follows:
 - \$250.00 financial support to Mary's Shelter,
 - \$500.00 to Katie Loomis for Veteran's Making a Difference supplies,
 - \$205.94 for children's sneakers for the schools.**MOTION BY:** Donna Pennypacker **SECOND:** Rick Davidson **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve payment of 140.00 to Denise Himmelreich for banquet chair recovering.
MOTION BY: Keith Berry **SECOND:** Rick Davidson **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve payment requests as follows:
 - \$101.55 for labels, envelopes, and copy paper,
 - \$104.09 for Community Table meal supplies,
 - Up to \$150.00 for Splash supplies,
 - \$160.00 for Custodial supplies,**MOTION BY:** Diane Kopec **SECOND:** Donna Pennypacker **VOTE:** All in favor

Adjournment:

- **MOTION:** Adjourn the meeting at 9:06 PM.
MOTION BY: Paul Kopec **SECOND:** Rick Davidson **VOTE:** All in favor
- The next meeting of the Consistory of St. Paul's UCC, Amityville, will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2017, with dinner starting at 6:15 PM, and the meeting convening at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly J. Yanos
Recording Secretary