

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Amityville**  
**Consistory Meeting Minutes**  
**September 6, 2017**

**Present:** Keith Berry, Marlene and Peter Dadey, Rick Davidson, Debbie Davis, Pastor Naomi DuBlanica, Heidi Fisher, Bruce Galambos, Priscilla Knerr, Diane and Paul Kopec, Judy Leister, Anne McLain, Linda Okuniewski, Donna Pennypacker, Mitch Racine, Marianne Reinert, Judy Reitz, Brian and Connie Riker, Alan Ross, Kathy Weller, Kelly Yanos

**Visitors:** Gail Clifford, Sharon Hussar, Katie Loomis, Sandra Marchiano, Spike Thompson

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

**Home Association:** *Gail Clifford and Spike Thompson*

The Home Association is pledging \$5,000 to initiate a Peach Festival Pavilion campaign. Additional donations of \$72.00 were received. Projected cost of new pavilion is about \$26,000. No discussion on this was held at that time.

**Convoy of Hope:** *Katie Loomis and Sharon Hussar*

- **MOTION:** Approve Mission Committee Movie Night to raise funds to be donated to Convoy of Hope to assist disaster victims.  
**MOTION BY:** Marianne Reinert    **SECOND:** Paul Kopec    **VOTE:** All in favor
- Marianne Reinert advised that Chuck's Auto Service has plans to transport disaster relief supplies to areas in Texas affected by Hurricane Harvey.

**Youth Relocation Committee:** *Sandra Marchiano*

- The Committee outlined four options as a dedicated Youth Group area:
  - Social Room
  - Youth Room as is
  - Room 14 and 15 with wall removed
  - Chapel

Discussion of these four options to be discussed at the October Consistory meeting.

**Pastor's Report:** No report

**President's Report:** No report

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** Approve the August 2, 2017, meeting minutes as presented.

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

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

	<u>August 2017</u>	<u>2017 YTD</u>
Income	\$49,475	\$333,040
Expenses	\$53,170	\$354,141
(Deficit)	-\$3,695	-\$ 21,101

- Mortgage balance: \$167,197
- Checking account balance: \$167,455
- The August 2017 Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

**Budget & Finance:** *Alan Ross*

Budget worksheets were distributed to Committee heads to be completed and returned by September 30.

**Christian Education (“CE”)** – Priscilla Knerr

- Rally Day – September 10:
  - Entertainment by Marion and Friends
  - Blessing of the backpacks
  - Recognition of volunteers
  - Introduction of donuts for donations
- Chad Geiser will lead a new senior high program titled “Connect” which will take place during the Sunday School hour.
- The Christmas Pageant date has been moved to December 17, with dress rehearsals being held on December 15 and 16.

**Church and Ministry** – Marianne Reinert

- Over the last month, the Committee:
  - Completed employee reviews,
  - Reviewed and documented employee clearances,
  - Recommended employees working with children to study the PA Mandated Reporting Law.
- **MOTION:** Ratify hiring Mitch Racine as Youth Coordinator.  
**MOTION BY:** Alan Ross      **SECOND:** Donna Pennypacker      **VOTE:** All in favor

**Evangelism** – Kathy Weller

- Upcoming Events:
  - September 15 & 16: “Reaching New People” workshop
  - September 17: Parking Lot to Pew kickoff
  - September 23: Love Loud Birdsboro
  - October 8, 15, 22, 29: New members classes
- From the \$1,644.85 balance in the Easter Egg Hunt account, the Committee will donate \$500 to Youth Group and \$500 to the projector purchase.

**Facilities** - Keith Berry

- A proposal from Haller Enterprises for a traditional air conditioning system for the sanctuary is forthcoming,
- Approximately 10 to 20 banquet chairs will be reupholstered at a cost of \$7 per chair.
- Debbie and Jeff Millard continue to refinish classroom and hallway floors.
- Bushes were trimmed and thinned prior to the Peach Festival.
- Jordan Elser began work on his Eagle Scout project in the flower bed along the handicap ramp.
- Mark Sitler refinished the FLMC porch benches.
- Charley Harley is seeking quotes to repoint cemetery walls and reset capstones.
- The new FLMC projector has been installed. Touch-up painting will follow.
- Alan Ross coordinated cleaning of the Sanctuary carpets.

**Fellowship** – No report

**Missions** – Donna Pennypacker

- The Committee is considering sponsoring Penn State graduate, Stephanie Hartman, in her endeavor to serve as a full-time missionary with Disciplemakers.
- The Hope Rescue Mission Annual Banquet will be held on October 7, at the Double Tree Hilton.
- The CROP Walk is scheduled for October 8.

- The Committee agreed to donate forthcoming Endowment Fund monies to the Bob Lenz school outreach in October.

### **Stewardship** – *Paul Kopec*

- Financial statements and stewardship letters will be distributed on October.
- The Stewardship Campaign will commence on October 1.
- Giving envelopes will be prepared for distribution in October.

### **Technology Committee** – *Brian Riker*

- Projector donations to date total \$6,135.
- The annual web hosting fee is \$120.00.
- The sound equipment will be moved back into the Sanctuary.
- The Committee is looking into;
  - training older youth to perform routine updates to the website,
  - researching online storage of documents,
  - implementing a church-wide skills inventory
  - recording services held in the FLMC,

### **Worship and Music** – *Debbie Davis*

- The Committee reviewed Nursery policies and procedures.
- The Committee discussed appointing a visitation Pastor.
- The Committee seeks members to serve during the Advent services.

### **Youth Ministry** – No report

### **Deacons** - No report

### **Elders**: No report

### **Sabbatical Committee** – No report

### **Nominating Committee** – No report

### **Property Use Policy (PUP)** – No report

### **Old Business**: None

### **New Business**:

Linda Okuniewski will lead the October 4 devotions.

### **Expenditure Approvals**

- **MOTION:** Approve Worship Committee payment requests as follows:
  - \$27.89 – Christ Advent candle,
  - \$42.40 - Upper Room publications,
  - \$154.97 – Choir music**MOTION BY:** Judy Reitz      **SECOND:** Marianne Reinert      **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Missions Committee payment requests as follows:
  - \$350.00 – Bethany Children’s Home support,
  - \$1,000.00 – Hope Rescue Mission annual support,
  - Up to \$200.00 – Sneakers for elementary schools,
  - Up to \$200.00 – Supplies for Movie Night to benefit flood victims,
  - \$500.00 – Disciple Makers.

**MOTION BY:** Donna Pennypacker    **SECOND:** Judy Leister    **VOTE:** All in favor

- **MOTION:** Approve payment of \$6,500.00 to Gelnett for the FLMC projector.  
**MOTION BY:** Brian Riker    **SECOND:** Alan Ross    **VOTE:** All in favor

- **MOTION:** Approve payment requests as follows:
  - Up to \$200.00 – Splash supplies,
  - \$24.38 – CE bulletin board material
  - \$65.22 – CE Curriculum for preschool and “Connect,”
  - \$199.00 – Christmas Pageant script, split track CD,
  - \$50.70 – Bulletin board supplies,
  - \$48.05 – Backpack buttons, construction paper, bulletin board supplies,
  - \$111.35 – Confirmation binders, Keurig for “Connect,”
  - Up to \$250.00 – CE supplies,
  - \$300.00 – Christmas Pageant Director stipend,
  - \$200.00 – Custodial supplies,
  - Up to \$300.00 – Binding supplies for financial statements, minutes, and bulletins.

**MOTION BY:** Anne McLain    **SECOND:** Rick Davidson    **VOTE:** All in favor

- **MOTION:** Approve Facilities Committee payment requests as follows:
  - Up to \$140.00 – Reupholster banquet chairs,
  - \$49.10 – Water softener salt,
  - \$35.96 – Denny Electric for bell tower light bulbs,

**MOTION BY:** Keith Berry    **SECOND:** Rick Davidson    **VOTE:** All in favor

**Adjournment:**

- **MOTION:** Adjourn the meeting at 8:49 PM.  
**MOTION BY:** Rick Davidson    **SECOND:** Paul Kopec    **VOTE:** All in favor
- The next meeting of the Consistory of St. Paul’s UCC, Amityville, will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly J. Yanos  
Recording Secretary