

St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Amityville
Consistory Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2021

Present – Marlene Dadey, Peter Dadey, Debbie Davis, Brenda Haas, Autumn, Herbst, Jackie Hertzog, Michelle Kehoe, Judy Leister, Kay Nyman, Linda Okuniewski, Marsha Pingitore, Alan Ross, Michele Ross, Kathy Weller, Emily Zimmerman, Anita Zuber, Richard Zuber, Pastor Steven

President Alan Ross called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.
Devotions were given by Jackie Hertzog.

Pastor's Report

- Report was emailed.
- He spoke about Mission Trip Birdsboro.
- Asked members of Consistory to show appreciation to each other by sending a text or sharing encouragement.

President's Report

Alan Ross, President

- No report.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Approve the July 6, 2021 meeting minutes.

- **No motion due to lack of quorum.**

Treasurer's Report

Peter Dadey, Treasurer

	<u>July 2021</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>
Income	\$33,850	\$262,054
Expenses	\$39,007	\$239,581
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (5,157)	\$ 22,581

Budget, Finance & Stewardship

Jackie Hertzog, Committee Chair

- Meeting next Wednesday.
- 2020 Audit will be completed in the next few weeks.

Christian Education

Judy Reitz, Committee Chair

- The committee met on July 13, 2021.
- It was decided not to prepare an acolyte schedule for the summer. A schedule will be considered for the fall.
- The teacher survey showed that most of the Sunday School teachers are returning this fall. There will be 2 teachers for each of 2 small combined age groups. A new curriculum will be purchased for the combined Sunday School groups.
- Discussion has begun concerning confirmation classes. There is a possibility of having a pre-confirmation class for 7th grades. The class would focus on the Bible, the New Testament and the life of Jesus. The Confirmation I group will be a combined group of eighth and ninth graders since there was not a Confirmation I group last year.
- Rally Day is September 12. Hopefully there will be one service that day at 9:30 am. The children will attend the beginning of the service with teacher recognition and the blessing of backpacks. The children will be dismissed for a group activity. After church there would be a brunch (picnic) at the Peach Pavilion.
- Next meeting is scheduled for August 10.

Church and Ministry

Richard Zuber, Committee Chair

- R. Zuber reported church employee fell, church will be paying her salary until she is able to return to work.
- Shannon Simpson reported that Maya, church sexton is leaving for college. Amy Shafer will take over as church sexton. Church still needs to replace Jonny Berry as night lock-up. K. Weller will ask scouts.

Evangelism

Linda Okuniewski, Kay Nyman Co-Committee Chairs

- L. Okuniewski reported committee met on July 13th.
- At that time, it was decided we would not pursue a Fall Market event after all. We came to this decision due to the fact that during September/October there are any number of Fall activities taking place in and around Berks, and even with better advertising, we still have to compete with Birdsboro's Community Market which is now firmly established. We do wish to plan something in the Spring by tagging onto Remax Community Yard Sale event.
- Also at this meeting plans were put in motion to get a new "Welcome to the Community" program up and running. Our idea is to reach out to new homers moving into Amity in an attempt to introduce them to St Paul's. If successful we would eventually expand to surrounding areas. The idea is to create a bag with literature introducing them to our church and its programs and welcoming them to visit. Also included would be a few inexpensive household items. Items suggested have been pen/pad imprinted with St. Paul's logo, hand sanitizer, local restaurant listing and/or menus, scrub daddy sponge, kitchen towel, etc. Our team will be scouting the Dollar Stores to see what can be found that could be useful and cost effective.
- Next Meeting August 17th.

Facilities

Doug Reinert, Ed Merkel, Committee Co-Chairs

- No Report

Fellowship

Melissa Millard, Beth Krause, Committee Co-Chairs

- No Report

Missions

Marsha Pingitore, Brenda Haas, Committee Co-Chairs

- B. Haas reported the committee met on 7/28/21 at 7:00pm.
- Committee discussed St. Paul's families. Sue Trace – Was a homeowner with MTBB but still has other needs. Marsha is reaching out to Sue to see what she needs help with.
- Meal Train - None currently.
- Christmas Wish Tree Program - 2 Volunteers to co-chair (Sara Erdman Trejo & Dana Godfrey) Connie will be in contact with them to begin the transition and will work with them along the way. The plan is to provide gift cards to the parents to purchase gifts for their children like we did last Dec due to COVID.
- Sara Racine - Asking her to come to church to do a Mission Moment and share more about her ministry.
- Crop Walk – October 10th - Tammy Naus is the coordinator from our church.
- Community Ministry - Discussed serving a community meal in September. Advertise – make signs stating, "Free community Dinner served today" and provide time. Looking at possibly a Wed night; first come first served. Pick up meal at church parking lot. Asking guest speaker to join our August mission meeting from St. John's Lutheran church who currently serve meals to their community. Evangelism ordered Bible Tracts with St. Paul's UCC imprinted on them. The bible tracts will be placed with the meal. We also discussed taping a meal prayer on each container
- Backpack Program - Discussed organizing a backpack program to donate to the kids in DB school District the backpack will include supplies needed for school. We'll be focusing on this mission next summer to allow more time for a successful campaign
- Next Mission Committee Meeting will be August 25th @ 7:00 Room 8

- M. Dadey reported summer program is ending in 2 weeks. Kids had great time, went on field trips to Legoland and Philly Zoo.
- In the fall there will be 12 kids in the morning and 14 in the afternoon.
- M. Pingitore asked what maximum attendance would be.
- M. Dadey stated that it is 24 kids with 2 teachers.

Technology Committee

Joe Ceklosky, Committee Chair

- No report
- M. Ross asked about exterior digital sign. M. Dadey stated that J. Ceklosky has contacted the sign co.

Worship and Music

Michele Ross, Committee Chair

- M. Ross reported the Committee met July 26, 2021
- Reviewed live stream views of services, this reflects number of computers logged in, not total of amount of people watching (how many in a household).
- Discussed sexton positions with returns to college, teaching other sextons.
- Choir hoping to return in September.
- Lay readers have been scheduled through August and request for additional volunteers placed in announcements.
- Communion dates were reviewed and plan for communion going forward developed. Elements will be distributed at altar so plates do not need to be passed through pews.
- Collection plate will remain at entrance so it does not have to be passed as well.
- Information gathered from congregation "survey" was reviewed. At this time service will remain at 9:30AM with adult Sunday School at 8:30. Plan for September at this time will be service at 9:30 with Sunday school for adults at 8:30, children will hear message in sanctuary and be dismissed to classes. Classes to be determined according to number of eligible ages to attend and placed in groups. Teachers will alternate. Details to be worked out by Christian Ed committee. All services and Sunday School will be reviewed periodically to determine future plans dependent on attendance.
- Next meeting is October 18, 2021

Youth Ministry

Lori Falstich, Committee Chair

- E. Zimmerman reported the Youth Ministry Committee met July 21.
- We had 10 in attendance for Youth Group on July 14. Care packages were presented to MTBB volunteers in worship on July 18.
- Reading Phillies Night is Thursday, August 12. 42 signed up. Anyone interested in attending who did not reserve tickets by the deadline can still check with Lori for availability. All tickets will be held at group will call for individuals to pick up on the day of the event. An email will be sent with these details to all those attending as we approach 8/12.
- There will be a memorial tree/perennial planting and ceremony following worship on 8/15 in honor of Maddie Cunningham.
- Youth Ministry plans to host a root beer float stand, sand art, and multiple games for Peach Festival 8/21.
- We will host a fundraiser at Rita's Italian Ice in Birdsboro on Wednesday, 8/25 from 6-9 pm.
- Youth Group dates for the fall have been set and advertised in the August newsletter. To start, we will be holding grade 6-12 youth group every other Wednesday from 7-8:30 pm, beginning Sept. 8.
- Youth Group is scheduled to serve at Hope Rescue Mission on Oct. 13.
- We are also considering a family movie night sometime in the fall.
- Youth Ministry will meet again on August 18 at 7:00 pm. Starting in September, we are changing our monthly committee meeting time to the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Deacons

- No Report

Elders

- No Report

Other Committee Reports

Peach Festival – Volunteers are needed for ticket sales, email Marlene if able to volunteer.

Fundraising Committee

- B. Haas reported 34 quiches were sold. Oct. 3rd Apple Dumplings will be sold.
- Committee discussed a “Take-Out” Turkey Supper”
- Next Meeting August 31st.

Old Business

New Business

- **Devotions** – M. Pingitore
- J. Leister asked about air-conditioning in Sanctuary. She requested an ad-hoc committee be formed. Members of consistory discussed air-conditioning issues.

Expenditure Approvals

- **MOTION:** Approve SPLASH payment request as follows:
Up to \$200 – Supplies
- **MOTION:** Approve Office payment request as follows
\$129.00 – Prime Membership
- **MOTION:** Approve CE payment requests as follows:
Up to \$200.00 – Curriculum
Up to \$500.00 – Desk Chairs
Up to \$2000.00 – Tables for Room 13
- **MOTION:** Approve Facility payment request as follows:
\$363.17 – Wrigley’s for Supplies
Up to \$100.00 – paper towels
- **MOTION:** Approve Missions Committee payment request as follows:
\$30.00 – Judy Reitz for ice cream for MTBB
\$450.00 – Ned Farnsworth
\$50.00 – On Common Ground Kerry Kuhn Street Ministry (Monthly)]
\$250.00 – Amity Township Police Association

- **MOTION:** Approve Evangelism payment request as follows:
\$187.50 – Peach Festival Giveaways and Postage

MOTION BY:

SECOND:

VOTE: All in favor

No Motion made due to lack of quorum. Email was sent for vote to pay expenditures.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.
- Next Consistory meeting was set for September 1 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Kehoe
Secretary