

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

Present: Keith Berry, Harriet Boyer, Joe Ceklosky, Peter Dadey, Rick Davidson, Naomi DuBlanca, Lori Falstich, Heidi Fisher, Chad Gaiser, Priscilla Knerr, Diane and Paul Kopec, Beth Krause, Katie Loomis, Anne McLain, Ed Merkel, Melissa Millard, Michelle Miller, Linda Okuniewski, Donna Pennypacker, Mitch Racine, Doug and Marianne Reinert, Judy Reitz, Brian and Connie Riker, Alan Ross, Pastor Steven Simpson, Marlin Spotts, 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 Diane Kopec led a brief period of devotions.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor received a letter from Mrs. Tom Kirchner thanking the congregation for their support during Tom's illness and following his passing.

President's Report: *Diane Kopec*

Diane Kopec introduced the new Committee chairs, deacons, and elders; and thanked the outgoing members for their efforts during their terms on Consistory.

Budget & Finance – *Marlin Spotts, Peter Dadey*

MOTION: Recommend to the Congregation at a special congregational meeting to pay off, rather than refinance, the FLMC loan balance of approximately \$160,000 as follows:

- \$97,000 from the general fund,
- \$3,000 private donation, and
- \$60,000 from a five-year, no-interest loan from the Endowment Fund, to be paid off at \$1,000.00 per month.

MOTION BY: Alan Ross **SECOND:** Paul Kopec **VOTE:** All in favor

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Approve the November 1, 2017, meeting minutes as corrected.

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

Treasurer's Report – *Peter Dadey*

	<u>November 2017</u>	<u>2017 YTD</u>
Income	\$64,396	\$457,687
Expenses	\$42,946	\$470,930
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$21,450	(\$ 13,243)

- Mortgage balance: \$149,752.
- The November 2017 Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

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

MOTION: Approve transfer of funds from Christian Education budget to the Technology Committee budget for the purchase of a smart television and stand, not to exceed \$1000.

MOTION BY: Priscilla Knerr **SECOND:** Judy Reitz **VOTE:** All in favor

Church and Ministry – *Marianne Reinert*

- The recently hired Facility Coordinator resigned due to family health concerns.
- The Nursery Assistant requested leave of absence.
- The evening custodian tendered his resignation.

Evangelism – *Kathy Weller*

The Amity Community Park Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, December 10.

Facilities - *Keith Berry*

- Amity Plumbing and Heating will replace the heating system condensate pump in order to restore heat to the Sanctuary.
- The Committee will renew the snow removal services contract with Halter Landscaping at no cost increase from last year.

Fellowship – No report

Missions –*Donna Pennypacker*

- The Committee continues to develop an outreach program to connect with homebound members of the congregation.
- Thanksgiving baskets were distributed, and Christmas baskets will be assembled.
- Most of the Wish Tree gift requests were fulfilled, and Connie Riker supplied gifts for the remaining tags. The Committee also provided gifts for a family who in need of a sponsor through the Berks Ministerium Adopt-A-Family program.

Stewardship – *Paul Kopec*

Members are asked to pick up their 2018 giving envelopes in the Library.

Technology Committee –*Brian Riker*

The office staff has been asked to monitor phone calls for problems with dropping calls in order to troubleshoot problems with the telephone system before it is replaced.

Worship and Music – *Judy Reitz*

The Committee seeks usher captains and readers for Advent Sunday services.

Youth Ministry – *Heidi Fisher*

December events:

- Youth Christmas shopping – 12/7/17
- Christmas caroling – 12/10/17
- Christmas Pageant/potato bar – 12/17/17

Deacons - No report

Elders:

Anne McLain requested that the meeting close with a special prayer of healing for Bruce Galambos.

Old Business:

Kelly Yanos will lead the January 3 devotions.

New Business:

MOTION: Establish an ad hoc committee to address church security and emergency/disaster response.

MOTION BY: Alan Ross **SECOND:** Kathy Weller **VOTE:** All in favor

Expenditure Approvals:

- **MOTION:** Approve Missions Committee payment requests as follows:
 - \$42.55 reimbursement for shoes for a friend in need,
 - Up to \$200.00 for clothing for children of a church family,

- \$468.86 reimbursement for supplies for Veterans Making a Difference,
- \$250.00 for Disciple Makers program,
- \$250.00 for Sarah Racine missionary support,
- \$250.00 for Redner's gift cards/Youth Group,
- \$100.00 to Alexandra Hussar for Nicaragua mission trip,
- \$100.00 financial support for church member,
- \$100.00 Teen Challenge support,
- Up to \$135.00 for Wish Tree gift reimbursement,
- Up to \$350.00 for Berks Ministerium Adopt-a-Family sponsorship, and
- \$85.36 reimbursement for Berks Ministerium Adopt-a-Family gifts.

MOTION BY: Donna Pennypacker **SECOND:** Alan Ross **VOTE:** All in favor

- **MOTION:** Approve payment of \$281.80 for ham served at the 2017 Annual Meeting.
MOTION BY: Michelle Miller **SECOND:** Rick Davidson **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Facilities Committee payment requests as follows:
 - \$21.18 for batteries and extension cords (Douglassville Ace Hardware), and
 - \$320.00 for custodial supplies.**MOTION BY:** Keith Berry **SECOND:** Alan Ross **VOTE:** All in favor

Executive Session:

- Consistory recessed into Executive Session at 8:12 PM. Regular session reconvened at 8:44 PM.
- **MOTION:** Defer discussions relating to Church and Ministry Committee restructure.
MOTION BY: Anne McLain **SECOND:** Linda Okuniewski
VOTE: Motion passed with a majority in favor, and Paul Kopec casting a dissenting vote

Adjournment:

- Pastor Steven offered closing prayer/prayer for healing for Bruce Galambos.
- **MOTION:** Adjourn the meeting at 8:48 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, January 3, 2018, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly J. Yanos
Recording Secretary