

St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Amityville
Consistory Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2018

Present: Harriet Boyer, Joe Ceklosky, Marlene and Peter Dadey, Debbie Davis, Chad Gaiser, Judy Leister, Katie Loomis, Melissa Millard, Linda Okuniewski, Donna Pennypacker, Doug Reinert, Judy Reitz, Brian Riker, Alan Ross, Pastor Steven, Kathy Weller, special guest Ken Biles

There was no quorum. All items requiring action were approved subject to ratification at the March meeting.

Budget and Finance Chairman, Alan Ross called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Alan presided over the meeting in the absence of President Diane Kopec (due to illness) and Vice-President Connie Riker (due to a business trip). The members recited the mission statement. Linda Okuniewski provided devotions.

Security Committee: Ken Biles spoke about church security (fire, chemical, intruder, etc.) following a workshop that he attended recently. Other members of his committee are: John Johnson, Jon Swanson, Joe Paretti, Ralph Schaefer and Kerry Kuhn. They meet at 10:00am on Sunday mornings. They have established fire as their number one priority. Their goal is to educate the congregation. They are suggesting "no parking" signs for the area behind the FLMC (Old Swede Road side) and between the cemetery and chapel area. The Adult II class has volunteered to provide the signs. Other suggestions include creating a team of ushers that are properly educated in fire evacuation from the sanctuary.

Pastor's Report: *Steven Simpson*

- Ash Wednesday service, February 14, will be held in the sanctuary at 7pm
- There were 4 baptisms in January.
- Pastor Frey, Father David and Pastor Steven are planning a Good Friday service.

President's Report: None

Approval of Minutes:

- **MOTION:** Approve the January 3, 2018, meeting minutes subject to ratification.
MOTION BY: Kathy Weller **SECOND:** Judy Leister **VOTE:** All in favor

Treasurer's Report – *Peter Dadey*

	<u>January 2018</u>
Income	\$27,893
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$55,214</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$27,320)

- Happy to report we have no mortgage balance!
- The January 2018 Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Budget & Finance: – No report

Christian Education ("CE") – *Marlene Dadey*

- Christian Ed will meet Tuesday, February 13.
- Planning will take place for confirmation, Easter and end of Sunday School year.
- SPLASH is hiring Tara Lawhorne as an aide beginning in March. Tara replaces Anne Laurin.

Church and Ministry – *Harriet Boyer*

- Met January 7. Motion to offer Evening Custodian position, up to 15 hours per week, 6-9PM to Darrien Ritter. Also offer Facility Coordinator position, up to 10 hours per week, with more hours on weeks with special events, to Darrien Ritter.
- Offers accepted, paperwork completed, training coordinated. He's working with Tech committee, PUP committee, Facilities Committee, and other staff members to learn both positions.
- Met on January 24. Pastor Relations Committee reps will be Harriet Boyer and Marlin Spotts. New employee contact persons (liaisons) were assigned for 2018. That list is being distributed and is posted around the facility. If the chairs of any other committees wish to share comments regarding the employees that they work with, feel free to contact their liaison or Harriet or Marianne to discuss at any time throughout the year.

Evangelism – *Kathy Weller*

- New member classes started February 4 and will culminate on February 18 with 4 participants joining St. Paul's UCC on February 18.
- Plans underway for the Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, March 31 on the church grounds.
- In the upcoming weeks we plan to start having Greeters at the FLMC door from the parking lot.
- We will be meeting with the Missions Committee to brainstorm bringing an inspirational speaker/community event to St. Paul's.

Facilities - *Doug Reinert*

- HVAC Issues – January 8, Debbie Millard notifies us of an oil smell in the Chapel. Amity Heating and Cooling was contacted and determined the primary controller failed allowing the heater to pump oil out of the tank even though the ignitor did not work. The repair was completed that afternoon. The insurance company was called, and initial inspection was made. The insurance company will be getting back to us stating they will need an additional 30 days to complete a review of the loss. We are looking at options until then to help with the odor to allow NA and Worshiphouse Kids utilize the Chapel as soon as possible.
- Peach Festival and Multiuse Building – We had our second meeting for further design consideration for both the interior and exterior. Mark Kellar, Mark Sitler, and Brian Riker went to J&L Building Materials last weekend to gather samples and color options to blend the colors into our current setting as much as possible. Our third meeting will be next week to gather info to begin getting quotes.
- Ceiling Tiles in Gym – We will be resetting and replacing ceiling tiles in the gym on Saturday, January 20.

Fellowship – *Melissa Millard*

- Met with Michelle Miller on January 21 to go over responsibilities, procedures, and hand over Fellowship binder. She walked us through the Lenten Soup Service process (but we may need some assistance the first week!).
- We have several unassigned weeks for fellowship hour snacks. Sheet is available for sign-up.
- Volunteers are needed to bring soup for Lenten services. Sign-up sheet will be passed around.
- Seems as though donations are not as plentiful recently. Fellowship chairs have contributed most weeks. Asking to place an announcement in the bulletin and newsletter for small juice cups, dessert plates, napkins and apple juice.

Missions - *Donna Pennypacker*

- Veterans Making A Difference: Doug and Liz Graybill informed us last month that they really do not need bagged lunches anymore; they cannot distribute them without permits. Plus they have the new veterans' center at Hope Rescue Mission and encourage vets to come there for their needs. We have put the collection of lunch items on hold and will be visiting the center and discussing how we can remain active and helpful to them.

- We are also discussing various ways we might help right here in Amity, whether it is joining in on something already active or establishing a new event or service.
- Christian Concern Communities, which oversees Amity Manor and a few other communities for low-income, elderly and non-elderly disabled residents, sent a request for a \$1000 donation towards a new 14-passenger wheelchair van. We will be making a \$250 donation and sharing the request with the congregation so anyone who would like to help may do so.
- Next meeting is February 28 at 7:30pm due to the Lenten Studies.

Stewardship – No report

Technology Committee – Joe Ceklosky

- Joe and Sue Ceklosky, Darrien Ritter, and Marlene Dadey met with Mitch Racine for Keyscan software training.
- Joe and Sue Ceklosky met with Mitch Racine for sound board and sound system training.
- The committee is determining what technology we have and where it is located.

Worship and Music – Judy Reitz

- The Ash Wednesday service will be on February 14 in the sanctuary.
- Good Friday possible blood drive.
- Weekly Lenten studies begin at 6:00 with soup, 6:45 song and 7:00 – 7:30 study.
- Maundy Thursday service (3/29) will be held in the sanctuary. Readers and people to remove the elements will be needed.
- Prayer vigil (3/30) may be on hold for this year due to the oil spill in the chapel.
- Our next meeting will be held in April.

Youth Ministry – Heidi Fisher

- Our last meeting was January 9. Our next meeting is February 20.
- We are currently working on several events.
 - Everybody's Birthday Party at SkyZone on February 17.
 - Spring Parent Meeting on March 4.
 - Serving dinner at Hope Rescue Mission on March 7.
 - Winter Retreat at Camp Swatara on March 23-25. Theme: Plug into the Power – The Power of the Holy Spirit is in You!
- Grades 7-12 Youth Group met on January 10, 24, and 31.
- Winter Jam was on January 18, awesome night of praise and worship!
- Grades 3-6 Youth Group met on February 2.
- Worshiphouse Kids did not meet in January as a result of the situation in the chapel. We will meet on February 18 in Fellowship Hall.
- We welcomed Sue Ceklosky as our newest member of youth ministry.

Deacons - No report

Elders: No report

Old Business:

Chad Gaiser was assigned March devotions.

The March meeting will be held Thursday, March 8 at 7pm.

Expenditure Approvals:

Note: all expenditures were approved subject to ratification.

- **MOTION:** Approve payment requests as follows:
 - \$75.00 required courses for SPLASH employees,
 - \$80.00 required annual fire training for SPLASH employees and volunteers,
 - Up to \$150.00 SPLASH supplies and lunch for early dismissals days,
 - \$441.80 Bibles for confirmation,
 - Up to \$125.00 confirmation supplies for stole project,
 - Up to \$150.00 CE supplies (construction paper, poster board, etc.),
 - Up to \$250.00 supplies for VBS,
 - \$62.54 stamps and postage to return confirmation stoles,
 - Up to \$100.00 office supplies**MOTION BY:** Alan Ross **SECOND:** Donna Pennypacker **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve release of \$185.00 for custodial supplies.
MOTION BY: Alan Ross **SECOND:** Judy Leister **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Missions Committee payment requests as follows:
 - \$400.00 school expense for Noe Diaz in El Salvador,
 - \$500.00 yearly support for Intervarsity Christian Fellowship,
 - \$250.00 half yearly support for Ned Farnsworth,
 - \$50.00 monthly missionary support for Sarah Racine.
 - 1089.00 Amity Heating and Oil for chapel repairs**MOTION BY:** Judy Reitz **SECOND:** Judy Leister **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Facilities Committee payment requests as follows:
 - 1089.00 Amity Heating and Oil for chapel repairs
 - \$38.12 Weaver's Hardware – kitty litter
 - \$1350.00 Halter Landscaping – snow removal**MOTION BY:** Doug Reinert **SECOND:** Lind Okuniewski **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve release of \$27.36 for fellowship hour supplies.
MOTION BY: Melissa Millard **SECOND:** Harriet Boyer **VOTE:** All in favor

Adjournment:

- **MOTION:** Adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM.
MOTION BY: Brian Riker **SECOND:** Kathy Weller **VOTE:** All in favor
- The next meeting of the Consistory of St. Paul's UCC, Amityville, will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Dadey
Acting Secretary