

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Amityville**  
**Consistory Meeting Minutes**  
**February 3, 2021**

**Present** – Joe Ceklosky, Marlene Dadey, Peter Dadey, Debbie Davis, Lori Falstich, William Falstich, Chad Gaiser, Brenda Haas, Autumn Herbst, Jackie Hertzog, Michelle Kehoe, Judy Leister, Melissa Millard, Kay Nyman, Linda Okuniewski, Doug Reinert, Judy Reitz, Alan Ross, Michele Ross, Carol Sterner, Anita Zuber, Richard Zuber, Pastor Steven.

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

**Pastor's Report**

- Report was emailed.
- Thank you to Jonny Berry for help with shoveling.
- Reviewed plans for Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services.

**President's Report**

**Alan Ross, President**

- A. Ross reported that more Thank You cards were received from staff.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Approve the January 6, 2021 meeting minutes as corrected.

- **MOTION BY:** J. Reitz

**SECOND:** D. Reinert

**VOTE:** All in favor

**Treasurer's Report**

**Peter Dadey, Treasurer**

	<u>January 2021</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>
<b>Income</b>	\$	\$
<b>Expenses</b>	\$	\$
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	\$	\$

- P. Dadey reported that Church ended the year with a surplus.
- Due to Bookkeeper being out of office, no report.
- A. Ross reported the Church received a PPP Loan Forgiveness letter. Church has applied for another \$41,000 from second round of PPP Loans; waiting to get approval from bank.

**Budget, Finance & Stewardship**

**Jackie Hertzog, Committee Chair**

- No report.
- Next meeting February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Christian Education**

**Judy Reitz, Committee Chair**

- J. Reitz reported newly trained acolytes are volunteering for Sunday services.
- Adult 3 SS class has resumed as of 1/17/21.
- Pastor Steven and Marlene have begun Zoom Bible Study with the 12 confirmand students. Discussion continues as to how to safely conduct the Confirmation service.
- Discussion concerning VBS continues.
- Lenten packets will be delivered to our SS children.
- Next Zoom meeting is scheduled for 2/23/21.

**Church and Ministry**

**Richard Zuber, Committee Chair**

- R. Zuber reported Committee met in January and reorganized.
- Members of Committee were assigned to a staff member.
- Committee will complete Pastor's review in February.

### Evangelism

**Linda Okuniewski, Kay Nyman Co-Committee Chairs**

- L. Okuniewski reported held first meeting of 2021 on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 via Zoom.
- Most of our focus was on the "Birthday Card to Members" program which is moving along smoothly. We had an unassigned month that Heidi Pennypacker graciously offered to fill. The cards will be purchased by the Committee in bulk along with scripture verses to include in the mailing.
- Time was also spent brainstorming, in hope we could come up with a project since our normal church year activities have been severely hampered by the pandemic.
- Committee will be working to help the Missions Committee.

### Facilities

**Doug Reinert, Ed Merkel, Committee Co-Chairs**

- D. Reinert reported Boiler and Fire Suppression inspection were completed.
- Snow Plowing – Issues after large snow storm. Working with company to create a plan moving forward.

### Fellowship

**Melissa Millard, Beth Krause, Committee Co-Chairs**

- No Report.

### Missions

**Marsha Pingitore, Brenda Haas, Committee Co-Chairs**

- B. Haas reported committee met on 1/27/21 at 7:00 via Zoom.
- Snack bags will be ready to be filled starting the week of 2/8/21.
- Discussed support for Diana Joseph with a card shower showing her love and support. Meal train volunteer sign ups to make dinner for the 2 boys twice a week.
- Meal train is open for the Kirlin family (See Carol Sterner) with any questions
- Mission Trip Birdsboro – Week of 7/19/21 – Marsha is looking for someone to assist with attending meetings and completing paperwork. Details will be provided in a Vlog/newsletter
- Wish Tree – Thank you to the Riker family for all their years of service. We are grateful for their service. They are handing the Wish Tree program off to another family and will shepherd them in 2021. We will be running an article in the newsletter searching for someone to take over.
- Discussed budget and expenditures. During Feb meeting we will review the Missions we support to determine if there are any changes, we think we would want to make in our support of various organizations. As times change, we may decide to change our support of various missions and it is good to do a review of where our funding is sent.
- Discussed updating Mission's website.
- Next meeting will be February 24, 2021 via Zoom @ 7:00

### SPLASH

**Gail Clifford, Committee Chair**

- M. Dadey reported that SPLASH program was closed from January 25 through today, February 3 due to a COVID exposure. The parents/guardians were contacted. A. Ross reported employees will be paid during closure.
- Reviewed and updated safety protocol with staff.
- Process for the annual renewal and inspection is in active mode (possibly March for in-house inspection)
- Received a box of items from Early Resource Center – included a fogger, UV Sanitizer and masks.
- Staff will be completing required 12 hours of training.

### Technology Committee

**Joe Ceklosky, Committee Chair**

- J. Ceklosky reported the setup of Phone Live Stream is simple. It works like YouTube does, using a streaming URL and a streaming key.
- Shannon mentioned that Ash Wednesday service might be pre-recorded similar to the way Christmas was done.

- The online giving was set up by Alan Ross using an online company called Planning Center. The link to the online site was added to our website. The church received a number of donations using this over the past month or so.
- Links for smile.amazon.com will be added to the church's website.
- Marlene's church laptop is getting old and we discussed purchasing a new Dell laptop to replace it.

### **Worship and Music**

**Michele Ross, Committee Chair**

- M. Ross reported committee met on January 18, 2021.
- Most discussions were to determine how to hold Lenten and Easter season services since most will need to be done on a virtual basis.
- Lenten season will be held virtually through Zoom sessions
- No Ash Wednesday service, Pastor will do a video for people to make their own ashes.
- Lenten services will be some type of "interactive" weekly virtual services to be determined.
- Martha and Pastor working on a Maundy Thursday service will not include the usual amount of people participating. No communion will be served.
- Good Friday prayer vigil plans are underway as to how this will take place.
- Article to be placed in Newsletter for ordering Easter flowers.
- Pick up for flowers will be determined.
- Martha and Judi Flickinger will work out plans for the prayer partner program.
- All communion services will be held with the disposable cup and wafer packets.
- Marlene and Pastor Steven are currently doing Zoom confirmation class with 12 students.
- Technology reported 10 people are taking advantage of the ability to listen to services on the phone. This was set up for people who do not have computer/Internet access for virtual worship.
- Next Meeting April 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Youth Ministry**

**Lori Falstich, Committee Chair**

- L. Falstich reported Committee met via Zoom on 1/20.
- Set our regular meeting time for the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm.
- Hosted a youth/parent fellowship walk on 1/31 with 14 attendees.
- Set up a Souper Bowl of Caring campaign sponsoring Oley Valley Food Pantry.
- Reviewing youth group curriculums with the hope of returning to youth group in March or April.
- Plan on making Snowmen outside of Amity Manor.

### **Youth Leader Search**

- We switched from a general job fair to a more specific nonprofit fair, hosted by Messiah University- which will be held virtually on Mar. 24. The job was posted to the Facebook job market page and we are looking into other local Facebook job pages. Plan on meeting next week.

### **Deacons**

- No report.

### **Elders**

- No Report.

### Other Committee Reports

**PUP Committee** – M. Dadey stated Recommendation – To continue the following thru the month of February.

- No in-person meetings
- No outside groups inside the building
- Continue with ZOOM Meetings for Committees and Groups. Scouts asked to meet one on one with parents and one leader in FMLS Classroom.
- Review monthly prior to Consistory meeting to make a recommendation.

**MOTION:** To accept the recommendation of the PUP Committee

- **MOTION BY:** J. Reitz                      **SECOND:** C. Sterner                      **VOTE:** All in favor

B. Haas asked about Fundraising Committee meetings. M. Dadey stated hoping by April to have in person meetings.

### Old Business

### New Business

**Devotions** – will be given by Brenda Haas.

### Expenditure Approvals

- **MOTION:** Approve Christian Education payment request as follows:  
\$135.37 – Lenten activities for SS families
  - **MOTION:** Approve SPLASH payment request as follows:  
\$138.00 – Courses
  - **MOTION:** Approve Office payment request as follows  
\$59.95 – Church Art online renewal
  - **MOTION:** Approve Missions Committee payment requests as follows:  
\$500.00 – Intersivity Youth Fellowship  
\$450.00 – Ned Farnsworth  
\$50.00 – TEAM - Sarah Racine (Monthly)  
\$50.00 – On Common Ground Kerry Kuhn Street Ministry (Monthly)
  - **MOTION:** Approve Worship Committee payment request as follows:  
\$59.00 – Monthly phone streaming service  
\$518.00 – Copyright for music  
\$795.00 – Alan Organ Company  
\$100.00 – Carol Gillette for use of music
  - **MOTION:** Approve Technology Committee payment request as follows:  
\$720.28 – Dell Laptop
  - **MOTION:** Approve Church and Ministry payment request as follows:  
\$314.00 – Covenant Association
- MOTION BY:** D. Davis                      **SECOND:** J. Hertzog                      **VOTE:** All in favor

### Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.
- Next Consistory meeting was set for March 3, 2021 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Kehoe  
Secretary