

St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Amityville
Consistory Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2019

Present - Ken Biles, Joe Ceklosky, Gail Clifford, Marlene and Peter Dadey, Naomi Dublanica, Chad Gaiser, Autumn Herbst, Priscilla Knerr, Diane Kopec, Judy Leister, Katie Loomis, Melissa Millard, Linda Okuniewski, Doug and Marianne Reinert, Judy Reitz, Brian and Connie Riker, Alan Ross, Kathy Weller, Brenda Nonnemaker, Michelle Ross, Kurt Stork, Mitch Racine, Carol Sterner.

President Connie Riker called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. The new and returning members were welcomed to the first Consistory meeting of 2019 by President Connie Riker. The members recited the Mission statement and Deacon Chad Gaiser led a brief period of devotions.

Security Committee Report

Ken Biles, Committee Chair

- Security Committee chair K. Biles asked to present his committee report first so that he could leave the meeting prior to other business being conducted.
- K. Biles shared several suggested approaches for intruder response that will be further reviewed and considered by the Consistory members and will be discussed again at a future meeting to determine next steps.

Pastor's Report Pastor Steven was on vacation. No report given at meeting. His report is available via email.

President's Report

Connie Riker, President

- C. Riker reviewed various new procedures (request to email monthly committee reports, new process for a summary report of monthly expenditures and subsequent approval, transition of committee information/knowledge from previous to new committee chairs) that had been shared via email prior to the meeting.
- Existing procedures (yellow meeting room request forms, green expenditure forms, committee chair mailbox location) were also reviewed so the new and returning members are apprised.
- All members were encouraged to honor the commitment as a Consistory member to support the World Vision Child Sponsorship of \$20 per Consistory member to be fulfilled no later than March 2019.
- C. Riker also reported that Peter Dadey has accepted the appointment to his 19th year serving as Treasurer.
- The Consistory Members contact list was circulated so that members could review and provide updates/corrections.
- Thank you notes for Christmas gifts received by the Staff were circulated for the members to read and the program for Sexton Jordan Elser's Eagle Scout ceremony was circulated for the member's awareness.
- All Consistory members were reminded to make every effort to attend the Installment of Consistory Members at either the 8:00 or 10:30 service on Sunday 1/6/2019.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Approve the December 5, 2018, 2018 meeting minutes with the requested corrections under New Members to change Martha Pingitore to Marsha Pingitore and to add Gail Clifford.

- **MOTION BY:** Diane Kopec **SECOND:** Linda Okuniewski **VOTE:** All in favor

Treasurer's Report

Peter Dadey, Treasurer

	<u>Dec. 2018</u>	<u>2018 YTD</u>
Income	\$49,716	\$481,119.88
Expenses	\$29,864	\$471,570.92
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$19,851	\$9,548.96

Budget & Finance

Diane Kopec, Committee Chair

- No report. Next meeting will be in January to finalize the 2018 budget.

Christian Education ("CE")

Priscilla Knerr, Committee Chair

- No report. Next meeting will be Feb 20.
- Christian Ed Director Marlene Dadey reported staff meetings were held 12/5, 12/12, and 12/17. Christmas pageant rehearsals were held 12/2, 12/7, and 12/8.
- M. Dadey's report was reviewed. December activities included distributing Advent activity sheets, completing weekly attendance rosters, sending emails, and thank you notes. M. Dadey updated email list, planned for 6:00pm Christmas Eve Service, reviewed evacuation routes with Ken Biles, and posted evacuation routes in church.

Church and Ministry

Marianne Reinert, Harriet Boyer Committee Co-Chairs

- No report. Next meeting will be scheduled in January to conduct beginning of the year activities.

Evangelism

Kathy Weller, Committee Chair

- No report. Next meeting will be January 23rd.

Facilities

Doug Reinert, Ed Merkel, Committee Co-Chairs

- Radiator covers have been ordered.
- The experimental change of parking lot lights from standard to LED bulbs was successful; standard bulbs will be changed out to LED for an estimated cost of \$50 each as standard bulbs burn out.
- Elevator, boiler system, and ANSUL inspections were completed in December.
- AC Units in church and pastor's office will be insulated.

Fellowship

Melissa Millard, Beth Krause, Committee Co-Chairs

- No report.

Missions

Marsha Pingitore, Brenda Nonnemaker, Michelle Ross, Committee Co-Chairs

- Food Pantry served 27 families. Lisa Hoffman is researching dates and times to address the decline.
- Christmas Wish Tree Program – a total of 153 gifts were distributed to 51 children.
- Christmas Food Baskets were distributed to 8 families.
- Adopt a Family (Annmarie Traynor) – gifts were purchased for a 14-year-old girl.
- Women's Ministry Bible Study Group led by Carol Sterner scheduled to begin January 14; 17 women registered to participate.
- Women's One Day Retreat with Jessie Seneca being planned for Saturday, April 13th.
- Mission Trip Birdsboro starting leadership meetings in January.
- Hope Rescue Mission planning on opening a Women's facility.

SPLASH

Gail Clifford, Committee Chair

- 2018 SPLASH revenue - \$113,798, expenses including staff wages - \$51,447, net revenue - \$62,351.
- Net revenue from SPLASH since 2011 - \$348,805.
- SPLASH board planning meeting to plan summer program and set 2019-2020 school year rates.
- Currently, 26 students enrolled in SPLASH.
- New wireless doorbell was installed.
- Staff/Board and student Christmas parties were held December.

Stewardship

Kurt Stork, Committee Chair

- No report.

Technology Committee

Joe Ceklosky, Committee Chair

- Christmas Play went very well. Thanked individuals who helped with play. Christmas cards were sent to youth sound system helpers.
- 2019 sound system schedule was sent out.
- UPS sizing requirements for server were completed. UPS for the server, office, Pastor and accounting PC's will be ordered in 2019. An account to process church service audio will be set upon office PC.
- January 19th wedding required audio to be playing.
- Tech Committee can help with navigation of church website, listening to online sermons, how to play a CD, how to use a smart TV, and who to use Chrome boxes/Chromebooks.
- New Chrome boxes were a hit with SPLASH children. Thank you to Johnny Berry for set-up help.
- Church website was down on 12/13/2018, Sue Ceklosky followed up with company. Follow-up with Charlie Pennypacker is needed to add Tech Committee to web hosting company contact list and check church's domain name registration.

Worship and Music

Judy Reitz, Debbie Davis, Committee Co-Chairs

- Schedule of Advent readers went smoothly.
- Next worship/music committee meeting February 21 to prepare for the Lenten services.

Youth Ministry

Mitch Racine, Youth Leader

- Youth Group 6-12 held 2 meetings in December. Meetings included evening discussions, group activities, food time and prayer time. December 5th shopped for kids in need and December 12th wrapped gifts. Youth Group 3-5 met December 12th. Meetings included evening discussion, group activities, food time, and wrapping gifts.
- Worshiphouse Kids will meet on January 27th.
- December 7th, M. Racine got married.
- 2019 Events – planning for Winter Jam (February 14th), Spring Retreat, Amity Manor outreach, and Hope Rescue Mission serving night.
- Youth Room update budget approved at annual meeting and waiting for wall to be removed.
- 3-4 people interested in joining committee, possible replacement committee chair.

Deacons

- No report

Elders

- Elder Brian Riker provided a summary report of the successful bus trip to Longwood Gardens. He shared the overall expenses associated with the trip which was fully funded by the attendees and a \$32 donation from the Mission's Committee budget to pay for a member who needed financial assistance in order to attend.

Other Committee Reports

- C. Riker stated that a meeting with the PUP committee is needed to determine the future of that special committee and will be scheduled in the near future, especially in light of Kelly Yanos's request to step down as committee chair.

Old Business

- Elder B. Riker reported after brief discussion and feedback from Youth Leader Mitch Racine that the tentative date of 1/6 to begin the Youth Relocation room renovations would be best to postpone providing sufficient time to organize a work party.

New Business

- Elder Alan Ross volunteered to lead the February 6th devotions.

Expenditure Approvals

- Consistory President Connie Riker read each expenditure line as reported by the Consistory members in the summary document and paused for any discussion for each.
- Stewardship Committee Chair Kurt Stork questioned the expenditure for batteries for the microphones to see if rechargeable batteries are a feasible way to reduce cost. Technology Committee Chair Joe Ceklosky responded that rechargeable batteries are found to be not as reliable and therefore a decision has been made to not use them for the microphones.

- **MOTION:** Approve Worship & Music Committee payment request as follows:

-\$27.97 – Communion Wafers

MOTION BY: Gail Clifford **SECOND:** Brian Riker **VOTE:** All in favor

- **MOTION:** Approve SPLASH payment request as follows:

-Up to \$200.00 – SPLASH snacks and supplies

MOTION BY: Gail Clifford **SECOND:** Brian Riker **VOTE:** All in favor

- **MOTION:** Approve Technology Committee payment request as follows:

-\$27.11 – AA batteries for microphones

MOTION BY: Gail Clifford **SECOND:** Brian Riker **VOTE:** All in favor

- **MOTION:** Approve Missions Committee payment request as follows:

-\$32.78 – Deficit of Longwood Gardens Bus Trip

MOTION BY: Gail Clifford **SECOND:** Brian Riker **VOTE:** All in favor

- **MOTION:** Approve Church & Ministry Committee payment request as follows:

-\$340.00 – Covenant Association 2019 Dues

MOTION BY: Gail Clifford **SECOND:** Brian Riker **VOTE:** All in favor

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.
- Next Consistory meeting was set for February 6th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Riker
President