

St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Amityville
Consistory Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2019

Present – Harriet Boyer, Joe Ceklosky, Gail Clifford, Marlene and Peter Dadey, Debbie Davis, Michelle Kehoe, Priscilla Knerr, Diane Kopec, Beth Krause, Judy Leister, Melissa Millard, Linda Okuniewski, Doug and Marianne Reinert, Judy Reitz, Brenda Nonnemaker, Marsha Pingitore, Judy Reitz, Alan and Michelle Ross, Kurt Stork.

Vice-President Alan Ross called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Devotions given by Diane Kopec.

Pastor's Report

- Report was emailed.

President's Report

Connie Riker, President

- No Report given.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Approve the May 1, 2019 and June 5, 2019 meeting minutes.

- **MOTION BY:** J. Leister **SECOND:** G. Clifford **VOTE:** All in favor

Treasurer's Report

Peter Dadey, Treasurer

	<u>June 2019</u>	<u>2019 YTD</u>
Income	\$30,287	\$212,552
Expenses	\$38,553	\$238,569
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$8,266)	(\$26,017)

- P. Dadey explained that envelope revenue is down by \$3,000, SPLASH revenue is less and expenses have remained the same.
- P Dadey stated that some of the decrease is attributed to families moving.

Budget & Finance

Diane Kopec, Committee Chair

- At their meeting the committee reviewed the church's financials for the first five months of 2019 to address the current budget deficit of -\$17,752.
- In analyzing the deficit reasons for decrease were identified:
 - Lower Attendance: In 2016 average weekly attendance was 199, 2017 average weekly attendance was 172, and in 2018 average weekly attendance was 162.
 - During 2018, envelope giving was \$114,000 and in 2019 amount was \$107,588.
 - In 2018, received a \$10,000 donation from the McLean estate, deposited into General Fund.
- D. Kopec asked that church committees withhold on as much spending as possible.
- A. Ross suggested that stewardship let congregation know funds are down. D. Kopec asked A. Ross to assist in creating a letter to be mailed to church members.
- B. Nonnemaker asked about members that don't pick up envelopes, are donations received from them?
- P. Dadey reviewed envelope giving, stating that some church members don't use envelopes, set-up weekly donations.
- M. Dadey stated that fewer groups are meeting at the church. She is looking into the church's liability insurance. A. Ross suggested a review of the insurance and M. Dadey stated she is reviewing costs.

Christian Education ("CE")

Priscilla Knerr, Committee Chair

- P. Knerr stated that VBS was very successful once again. 86 registered with 12 new families attending. This year a Science station was added and it which worked out well. The decorating team did an AWESOME job. Next year VBS is moving to week of June 22nd (1 week later).
- Re-Creation will be performing Saturday, August 24th and performing at Rally Day, August 25th. A free will offering will be taken at Saturday night's performance to off-set the cost of their performance. Advertising for the concert will be done at Mission Trip Birdsboro, Peach Festival, and Sarah's church. Any other word of mouth would be greatly appreciated and promotional materials will be available.
- Sunday School changes to correspond with curriculum updates. Preschool, Pre-K and Kindergarten will combine as well as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade classes.
- Next meeting is July 30th at 6:30.

Church and Ministry

Marianne Reinert, Harriet Boyer Committee Co-Chairs

- Nursery Care has been discontinued thru the rest of the summer due to no attendance in 5 weeks.
- Jonny Berry will train as Sexton. Jordan Elser leaves for college in August. One additional person is needed to help as Sexton.

Evangelism

Kathy Weller, Committee Chair

- Amity Township 300th Anniversary Summerfest Saturday, August 3rd at Amity AC, Rain date August 4th. St. Paul's will have a table with information about our activities & programs. Youth will be selling root beer floats. Signup sheet for those willing to help at the table throughout the day will be at the Mission table in the library.
- Evangelism Committee will have a table at the Peach Festival with information about St. Paul's & a treat.
- Next meeting Tuesday, July 16th in Room #10 at 6:30 PM.
- J. Leister stated that P. Knerr has researched tote bags and plastic cups with St. Paul's logo. P. Knerr reviewed plans for cups and bags.

MOTION: To approve spending up to \$500 out of Egg Hunt Fund to purchase cups and bags.

MOTION BY: P. Knerr **SECOND:** D. Reinert **VOTE:** All in favor.

Facilities

Doug Reinert, Ed Merkel, Committee Co-Chairs

- No report.

Fellowship

Melissa Millard, Beth Krause, Committee Co-Chairs

- Church Rally Day Picnic will be held on August 25th. We will be serving hoagies and a hot dog bar. Sign-up sheet will be sent around at next meeting for general items such as bottled water and paper products to be donated.
- Regular Sunday School will be starting in September. The sign-up sheet for Fellowship Hour Snack is going around. Please note the extra column to volunteer to serve. M. Millard will provide a quick and easy training session if you are interested in helping out between 9 and 10:30 Sunday mornings.
- Church Directory Update - People are signing up on-line and after church on Sundays however please spread the word. M. Millard stated she is in desperate need of greeters for the photography sessions. Sign-up sheets that includes 2-hour shifts were passed around. The "job" is super simple but we need at least one person to help register people as they arrive. Day-time hours and the evening of the consistory meeting (8/7) are the most crucial, so if you have a spouse, child, or grandchild willing to help out, let M. Millard know.

Missions

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

- M. Pingitore reviewed that the committee will meet with Exeter church food pantry to determine what changes we may need to take to reach more community members. Exeter food pantry serves over 200 families.
- Mission Trip Birdsboro there are 49 sites, 114 workers and only 4 days to get it all DONE.
- Sarah Racine- spoke at our meeting about a new group she is affiliated with that works with refugees. She has plans to come speak during church on Sunday, July 28th on her new journey in helping to learn the Arabic language and help young women with art therapy.
- Shut in card decorating will continue into August, the plan is to hand deliver them.
- Women's conference is being held the first weekend in October 10/4 – 10/6 details on the easel and will be discussing during announcements at combined church service. Deadline to sign-up is week of August 2nd.
- Next Mission meeting is on Wednesday July 24th room 8.
- Coffee & Conversation - No meeting in July, we are discussing when the next one will take place.

SPLASH

Gail Clifford, Committee Chair

- G. Clifford asked that members promote openings for fall.

Stewardship

Kurt Stork, Committee Chair

- No Report.

Technology Committee

Joe Ceklosky, Committee Chair

- J. Ceklosky reported that the original plan was to move the sound board over to the FLMC after the 9:30 AM service, but was not able to do so because of the floor waxing in the FLMC. Decided to move the sound board before the consistory meeting on 7-3-2019.
- Committee purchased and installed two Malwarebytes licenses for Pastor's PC and the main office PC. The license is good for two years until 5-31-2021.
- Sue Ceklosky took care of setting up the large Sony TV and a DVD player for the couple's night event on 6-28 in the FLMC.
- Working on ideas for memorial fund use, possible updating sound equipment in FMLC.
- There will be no meeting in July, next meeting will be in August.

Worship and Music

Judy Reitz, Debbie Davis, Committee Co-Chairs

- J. Reitz explained that the transition from sanctuary to FLMC was confusing and would like to know about it next year in a timelier manner.
- M. Dadey suggested that J. Reitz meet with Debbie Mallard, Custodian to coordinate move.

Youth Ministry

Mitch Racine, Youth Leader

- M. Racine emailed his report.
- On June 9th we hosted a brunch for the confirmation students and congregation in the Peach Pavilion.
- Youth will serve Root Beer Floats at 300th Anniversary and Peach Festival.
- Youth will serve a meal at Hope Rescue on August 21.
- Youth Room is complete.

Deacons

- No Report.
- M. Pingitore asked if the Deacons met regularly. L. Okuniewsk stated they did not. M. Reinert stated that they perform special duties as assigned by the President of Consistory.
- M. Pingitore explained that a discussion took place at Coffee and Conversation about the lack of connection by some members to the church. She read the role of Deacons and Elders from Church By-laws.

Elders

- No report.

Other Committee Reports

- No report.

Old Business

New Business

- G. Clifford stated she is looking into painting murals on the Peach Festival Pavilion.
- J. Ceklosky stated that he and his family enjoyed making cards after service on Sunday.

Expenditure Approvals

- **MOTION:** Approve Office and Splash payment requests as follows:
Up to \$100 – Office Supplies
MOTION BY: D. Kopec **SECOND:** G. Clifford **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Evangelism Committee payment requests as follows:
\$42.46 – Peach Festival Favors
MOTION BY: D. Kopec **SECOND:** G. Clifford **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Worship & Music Committee payment requests as follows:
\$125.00 – Richard Smoker (Sub. Organist)
\$42.20 – The Upper Room
MOTION BY: D. Kopec **SECOND:** G. Clifford **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Christian Education Committee payment requests as follows:
\$139.80 – 20 Jesus Storybook Bibles
\$150.00 – Jesus Storybook Bible Curriculum
MOTION BY: D. Kopec **SECOND:** G. Clifford **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Office payment requests as follows:
Up to \$100 – Copy paper/supplies
MOTION BY: D. Kopec **SECOND:** G. Clifford **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve Custodial payment requests as follows:
\$175.00 – Wax to complete floor waxing
MOTION BY: D. Kopec **SECOND:** G. Clifford **VOTE:** All in favor

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm.
- Next Consistory meeting was set for August 7, 2019 at 7:00pm at Parsonage.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Kehoe
Secretary