

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

Present: Harriet Boyer, Joe Ceklosky, Marlene and Peter Dadey, Debbie Davis, Heidi Fisher, Priscilla Knerr, Diane and Paul Kopec, Anne McLain, Donna Pennypacker, Mitch Racine, Doug & Marianne Reinert, Judy Reitz, Connie Riker, Alan Ross, Pastor Steven Simpson, Kathy Weller, Kelly Yanos

Guests: Ken Biles, Marsha Pingatore

President Diane Kopec called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The members recited the mission statement, and Pastor Steven offered the opening prayer. Diane Kopec announced that quorum was not met.

Marsha Pingatore expressed her concern over the lack of Godly leadership in the church, and challenged Consistory members to make necessary changes.

Security Committee - *Ken Biles*

The Committee met with the Church Mutual risk assessment agent and the Amity Township fire marshal, and they continue to promote their mission to provide education and develop procedures for dealing with various emergency situations including those of a medical nature, fire, hazardous substances, and acts of terrorism.

Pastor's Report:

- Members interested in serving on various Covenant Association committees should notify Pastor Steven.
- The Daniel Boone High School Choir will perform during the March 18 Sunday worship service.

President's Report:

- President Diane Kopec shared correspondence from the Amity Community Park Tree Lighting Committee thanking St. Paul's for their participation in the ceremony.
- Reappointment of Peter Dadey and Kelly Yanos as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, was tabled due to lack of quorum.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the January 2018 and February 2018 meeting minutes was tabled due to lack of quorum.

Treasurer's Report – *Peter Dadey*

| | <u>February 2018</u> | <u>2018 YTD</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Income | \$28,734 | \$56,627 |
| Expenses | \$26,928 | \$82,142 |
| Surplus / (Deficit) | \$ 1,806 | (\$ 25,515) |

- .Repayment of the loan taken from the Endowment Fund will be made in quarterly increments.
- The February 2018 Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Budget & Finance: – No report

Christian Education ("CE") – *Priscilla Knerr, Marlene Dadey*

Upcoming events:

- March 18 – Confirmand classes split
- April 1 – Easter Sunday/combined Sunday School class
- April 7 – Confirmation retreat
- April 29 – Confirmand-led worship service
- May 13 – Confirmation Sunday (Mothers' Day)

Church and Ministry – *Marianne Reinert*

- Tara Lawhorne has been hired for the Splash program.
- Darrien Ritter's 90-day review will take place in April.
- Mitch Racine is confident that he can manage serving as Youth leader in addition to his full-time job.
- The Committee recommends increasing the Sexton's hourly pay rate to \$10.50, commensurate with increased responsibilities and that of other local church sextons.

Evangelism – *Kathy Weller*

- Four new members were welcomed to the Congregation on February 18.
- The Community Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 31. Amity Fire Company made a cash donation of \$500.00 and Palmer's Chocolates will donate 50 pounds of chocolate. Egg filling on Good Friday will be moved from the Social Room to the Fellowship Hall so as not to interfere with the 24-hour prayer vigil.
- Evangelism Committee and Missions Committee are working in partnership toward expanding the church's community outreach.

Facilities - *Doug Reinert*

- Chapel clean-up will be addressed pending response from the insurance company.
- Design specifications for the Peach Festival shed will be put out for bid.
- Facilities Committee and the Security Committee have been combining efforts to improve safety-related signage.

Fellowship – *Priscilla Knerr for Melissa Millard*

- The Committee seeks back-up volunteers to fill in for fellowship hour.
- Volunteers are needed to supply snacks for April and May fellowship hours.

Missions – *Donna Pennypacker*

- The Missions Committee, along with the Evangelism Committee, is drawing up a survey designed to get input from the Congregation for outreach ideas.
- The Committee will be focusing on communication with shut-ins.
- St. Paul's UCC-Birdsboro is holding a 5K run/walk and 1-mile Fun Run to benefit Mission Trip Birdsboro on April 21.
- Approximately \$2,000.00 has been pledged/collected for the Christian Concern Communities van.

Stewardship – No report

Technology Committee – *Joe Ceklosky*

- Bruce Galambos is recovering well and appreciates the Congregation's support.
- The Committee will try a digital recording for making the Sunday service CDs for shut-ins.
- During a recent power outage, it was discovered that there is no power back-up for the current phone system. Funds have been designated to replace the phone system in the amount of \$3,500.00 could be used for the power back-ups.
- The Committee is developing an inventory, including a diagram showing locations of technical/electronic equipment.
- The wireless network will be segmented into the existing network and an additional secure version.

Worship and Music – *Debbie Davis & Judy Reitz*

The Committee seeks volunteers to read scripture, take offering, and remove altar items for the Maundy Thursday service.

Youth Ministry – Heidi Fisher

- The Winter Retreat was canceled due to conflicts with school activities.
- Painting with David Weiss with Breakfast by Mitch will be held on March 24.
- The Committee is considering forming a “Soup Group.”
- The Committee will survey the parents to determine a schedule for Youth Group meetings that is workable for the youth.

Deacons - No report

Elders: No report

- The memorial gift list was reviewed.
- Diane Kopec reported that the Covenant Association is considering feasible methods of assessing fees to support the association.

Old Business:

Chad Gaiser will lead the April 4 devotions.

New Business:

- The April meeting of Consistory will be held on Wednesday, April 4.
- Discussion on making Splash a standing committee was tabled.
- Marianne Reinert announced that the Turkey Supper will be held on April 7.
- Mitch Racine asked Consistory to consider a process for hearing employee concerns by a body other than the Church and Ministry Committee.

Expenditure Approvals:

Secretary's note: *Due to lack of quorum, voting on the following will be deferred until such time as Consistory again has a quorum*

- **MOTION:** Approve payment requests as follows:
 - \$200.00 for postage
 - \$75.00 for Splash employee clearances
 - Up to \$150.00 for Splash supplies
 - \$200.00 for custodial supplies.**MOTION BY:** Harriet Boyer **SECOND:** Anne McLain
- **MOTION:** Approve expenditure of \$235.95 for Easter Egg Hunt supplies.
MOTION BY: Kathy Weller **SECOND:** Alan Ross
- **MOTION:** Approve expenditure of \$1,760.00 for snow removal.
MOTION BY: Doug Reinert **SECOND:** Anne McLain
- **MOTION:** Approve expenditure of \$812.08 for offering envelopes.
MOTION BY: Paul Kopec **SECOND:** Alan Ross
- **MOTION:** Approve Missions Committee payment requests as follows:
 - \$500.00 for Lifewater International,
 - \$500.00 for Hopewell Love,
 - \$50.00 for Sarah Racine missionary support,
 - \$250.00 Christian Concern Communities
 - \$150.00 for Brianna Stephens ABWE missionary support.

MOTION BY: Donna Pennypacker **SECOND:** Judy Reitz

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.
- The next meeting of the Consistory of St. Paul's UCC, Amityville, will be held on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly J. Yanos
Recording Secretary