

St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Amityville
Consistory Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2021

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

President Alan Ross called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
Devotions were given by Ralph Schafer.

Pastor's Report

- Report was emailed.
- Pastor spoke about COVID Restrictions.
- He performed 1 Baptism last month and 1 this month.

President's Report

Alan Ross, President

- No report.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Approve the April 7, 2021 meeting minutes.

- **MOTION BY:** J. Hertzog **SECOND:** L. Okuniewski **VOTE:** All in favor

Treasurer's Report

Peter Dadey, Treasurer

	<u>April 2021</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>
Income	\$38,016	\$118,257
Expenses	\$34,508	\$132,874
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 3,508	\$(14,617)

Budget, Finance & Stewardship

Jackie Hertzog, Committee Chair

- J. Hertzog reported the committee meet on April 20th.
- Committee is thankful for members' support and church member for donation to cover youth position salary.
- Stewardship working on special offerings.
- 2019-2020 Audit will be completed by J. Hertzog and Paul Kopec.
- Committee meeting in August.

Christian Education

Judy Reitz, Committee Chair

- J. Reitz reported there will be a small group Sunday School activity this Sunday for the children.
- Children will take home flowers for their mothers and the confirmands will hand out flowers after church service.
- There will be more acolyte training in May.
- The confirmation led service will be this Sunday, May 9th at 9:30. The confirmation service will be held at noon on May 23 for confirmands and parents. Communion will be served.
- Books and balloons are going to be delivered to the graduates' homes the week of June 1.
- 24 Study bibles were purchased.
- 10 children are registered for VBS. All coming in person. More group leaders are needed for VBS.
- There will be no small group Sunday school activities for the summer. Coloring sheets/crayons will be provided for those children attending church.
- Rally Day is scheduled for September 12th.

- If there is only one service, this fall the small group activities will continue during worship time. If we go back to 2 services, there will probably be 2 combined age groups and the staff would rotate from week to week at 9am.
- There was such good attendance at the Confirmation Classes via ZOOM that it may continue that way.
- Committee welcomed 2 new members, Tricia Benner and Dana Godfrey.
- Next meeting May 25th.

Church and Ministry

Richard Zuber, Committee Chair

- R. Zuber reported there was no meeting this month.
- Reported Youth position is filled, Marlin Spotts will be her point of contact.
- Next meeting in May.

Evangelism

Linda Okuniewski, Kay Nyman Co-Committee Chairs

- L. Okuniewski reported Evangelism Committee Met on April 21, 2021.
- Meeting began with a discussion about proposed participation in the Birdsboro Street Fest and Duck Derby being held May 15th.
- It was confirmed greeters were obtained for the entire month of May and Bible Tracks for the Missions Committee were ordered.
- The Birthday Card Ministry is moving along smoothly and the sample of the new birthday card we ordered was approved by all. A Bible verse will be included in all cards as of June.
- Kay working with Nancy Everhart to create a form for on-line orders for Ladies Aid Bake Sales. The Ladies Aid participation in the Remax Yard Sale May 22nd.
- Brochures promoting St. Paul's, etc. It is our hope to make more of the community aware that St. Paul's has a lot of good things happening over and above Sunday worship services.
- Peach Festival, plans were started for our participation in that event as well. Finally, our application was submitted for the Amity Fall Festival on October 9, 2021.
- Next meeting in May.

Facilities

Doug Reinert, Ed Merkel, Committee Co-Chairs

- D. Reinert thanked everyone for all their prayers for Marianne.
- No report.

Fellowship

Melissa Millard, Beth Krause, Committee Co-Chairs

- M. Millard reported there will be a reception for the new youth leader, Emily, will include confirmands, and graduates. Reception will be June 13th after worship at the Peach Pavilion.

Missions

Marsha Pingitore, Brenda Haas, Committee Co-Chairs

- B. Haas reported committee met on April 28th.
- Discussed our church family, their needs and perhaps visit with some members.
- Ideas about sending cards, making phone calls, visits, with the support of Evangelism.
- Mission Trip Birdsboro is getting more members.
- Next meeting May 26th.

SPLASH

Gail Clifford, Committee Chair

- M. Dadey reported SPLASH board met on April 20, 2021.
- Summer Program – Dates of operation, June 7 – August 20, 2021.
- Fees established for 2021 – 2022 school year. Mornings only are \$55 per week, afternoons only are \$80 per week, and Mornings and afternoons is \$110 per week.

Technology Committee

Joe Ceklosky, Committee Chair

- J. Ceklosky reported the service will take place in the sanctuary. During the months of July and August (9 weeks) the stream will also be run in the FLMC on the large screen for anyone preferring air conditioning. This is the same as we ran things in the summer of 2020. We will need extra people to set this streaming up in the FLMC.2. The new joystick controller has been set up for livestreams. The original monitor did not display the entire view correctly, but a new Asus 16:9 monitor was recently donated to fix this problem.
- We will find out the needs from Martha on Sunday and plan accordingly with any required mics and special instructions for the streaming team.
- Our next scheduled meeting is Weds. May 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Worship and Music

Michele Ross, Committee Chair

- M. Ross reported the committee reviewed service adaptations for Holy Week. We had 101 parishioners at Easter Service. Seating capacity was not a problem.
- Pastor Steven received permission from Consistory to remove his mask during the service when he is at the chancel area. Readers may remove mask during reading and put back on afterwards. Martha may remove her mask at her discretion.
- Jocelyn Shank had a vocal show on April 24 for her college professor. People attended or watched virtual.
- Confirmands on 5/9 will lead worship (Mother's Day). On 5/23 Confirmation service in afternoon for Confirmands and families.
- Vacation time: consistory granted permission to carry over vacation days that were not used in 2020 due to COVID 19. Pastor Steven will be on vacation 6/6, 7/4, 8/8, 8/29, 9/5. Pastor Steven stated that all 5 Sundays are covered.
- Music: Times have been filled for special music. Martha was given permission to carry over vacation time. Richard Smoker or Andy Heimel will substitute for vacation dates.
- Choir-hoping to start up again in Fall.
- Music copyright and streaming bills have been combined as one to pay once a year in April.
- Christian Education - Sunday School combined activity for Preschool through grade 6 will occur 2 times in May.
- Altar Guild - Inventory has been taken of candles and supplies. Banners will be marked on back as to what their use is and a photo display will be placed in the cabinet for reference.
- Weddings - May 29,2021
- Communion Dates were reviewed and we will continue using pre made cups at this time. As restrictions change, we will discuss.
- Lay Readers are assigned.
- Attendance numbers and seating-going well. Marlene has "seating plan" in place. Those vaccinated may choose to sit with others that have been vaccinated.
- Summer schedule/FLMC - Can't move all the live streaming technology to FLMC. Discussion held with tech committee. Keeping services as they were last summer. Discussed option of having two services again in the Fall depending on restrictions. We will re-evaluate closer to the Fall to see what CDC recommendations are at that time as well as the numbers of people attending services.
- Next meeting: July 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM
- L. Falstich asked when Hymnals and Bibles will be brought back. Pastor Steven stated they are in the hallway for next service.

Youth Ministry

Lori Falstich, Committee Chair

- L. Falstich reported Youth Ministry Committee did not meet in April, but we had discussions via email.
- April Youth Groups were held 4/14 (11 youth) and 4/28 (11 youth). Future Youth Groups planned for May 12 & 26. Garden party and planting planned for 5/26 meeting. Moe's fundraiser: sold 18 tacos kits + one donation = \$130. Hosting pajama drive to benefit Fostering Hope - pajamas due May 6.
- Sunday, June 13: reception following worship to welcome Emily, and celebrate Confirmands and graduates. Fellowship committee helping to host.
- Lori reviewed her thoughts on setting up our new Youth Leader for success.
- Next Youth Ministry Committee meeting: May 19

Deacons

- A. Herbst suggested sending out a survey regarding going back to 2 Sunday Services. Pastor Steven stated he and the Worship Committee are working on creating one.

Elders

- C. Sterner reported she attended the virtual Annual Conference Meeting.

Other Committee Reports

Spiritual Council – Council met and discussed What an Elder is?

PUP Committee – recommends all capacity restrictions be eliminated effective May 31 to coincide with Governor Wolfe's announcement to lift restrictions except the wearing of masks at that time.

MOTION: Approve the PUP Committee recommendation.

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

Fundraising Committee – B. Haas reported committee discussed the purpose behind the meeting, to help provide financial support to St. Paul's even though we've received support from the CARE's act in 2020 & 2021 we are still at an overall deficit.

- Discussion Items -
- **Ladies Aid - Shoo Fly Pie Sale** - Pick Up Date is Friday 5/21 3:00 - 6:00 at church
 - **Community Yard Sale** - Organized by Re/Max Synergy Sat 5/22 8:00 - 2:00 no rain date
Church is renting \$10 spaces by chapel to anyone in the community. White Elephant donations being accepted at the chapel 5/13 - 5/15 from 9:00 - 5:00. Bake Sale - Peach Pavilion - Asking for donations. Ladies Aid is donating 20 Shoo-Fly Pies to sell at the bake sale. Hot Dogs and water will also be available for sale at the Peach Pavilion - All these items are being donated and believe all items were signed up for the night of our meeting. Checked with Boy Scouts to see if they would like to be involved; at this time, no reply. After the number of rental spaces have been sold, the determination will be made on renting a Porta Potty. Church members can use the indoor bathrooms.
 - **Evangelism Community Yard/Craft Sale** - To be held in the parking lot at St. Paul's. Renting spaces to the community for \$10. Additional details will be shared later including 2 separate dates, June 26th and second date TBD.
 - **Peach Festival** - Still to be determined, if the decision is to move forward it falls on the 3rd Saturday of August.
 - **Other suggestions** - Silent Auction, Family Movie night, No Cook Sunday, Barbeque Chicken Sale, Fall Apple Dumplings, Crisp & Pie sale, Turkey Supper - All take out – presell tickets, Thanksgiving side sale.

Next Meeting Thursday May 27 at 7:00.

Old Business

New Business

Devotions – will be given by L. Okuniewski.

Expenditure Approvals

- **MOTION:** Approve SPLASH payment request as follows:
Up to \$200 - supplies
 - **MOTION:** Approve Office payment request as follows
Up to \$100 – Copy Paper
\$110.00 – Stamps
 - **MOTION:** Approve Custodial payment requests as follows:
\$31.46 – Case of Paper towels
Up to \$350.00 – Paper towel dispensers
\$250.00 – Supplies
 - **MOTION:** Approve Youth Ministry payment request as follows:
\$200.00 – Youth Group night @ Sky zone
 - **MOTION:** Approve Missions Committee payment request as follows:
\$500.00 – Reading Berks Conference of Churches
\$1000.00 – Mission Trip Birdsboro & Beyond
\$50.00 – On Common Ground Kerry Kuhn Street Ministry (Monthly)
 - **MOTION:** Approve Worship payment request as follows:
\$44.88 – The Upper Room Subscription
 - **MOTION:** Approve Facility payment request as follows:
\$2,760.00 – Adjusted Snow Removal Bill
 - **MOTION:** Approve Evangelism payment request as follows:
\$124.50 – Current Catalog (2021-22 Birthday Cards)
- MOTION BY:** C. Gaiser **SECOND:** J. Hertzog **VOTE:** All in favor

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.
- Next Consistory meeting was set for June 2, 2021 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Kehoe
Secretary