

St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Amityville
Consistory Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2020

Present – Gail Clifford, Marlene Dadey, Peter Dadey, Debbie Davis, William Falstich, Chad Gaiser, Brenda Haas, Autumn Herbst, Michelle Kehoe, Priscilla Knerr, Judy Leister, Katie Loomis, Linda Okuniewski, Marsha Pingitore, Doug Reinert, Judy Reitz, Brian Riker, Connie Riker, Alan Ross, Michele Ross, Carol Sterner, Kurt Stork, Kathy Weller, Anita Zuber, Pastor Steven.

President Alan Ross called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
Devotions were given by L. Okuniewski

Pastor's Report

- Report was emailed. Reviewed report, discussed Christmas Eve services and Annual Meeting.
- Thanked Consistory for restaurant Gift Card.

President's Report

Alan Ross, President

- Received Thank you from Missions Trip Birdsboro for donation.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Approve the October 7, 2020 meeting minutes.

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

Treasurer's Report

Peter Dadey, Treasurer

	<u>October 2020</u>	<u>2020 YTD</u>
Income	\$41,183	\$324,723
Expenses	\$ 39,277	\$343,216
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 1,906	\$ (18,492)

- \$119,444 checking account balance, doesn't include PPP Loan funds.
- Envelope giving is down \$11,000 for the year.
- SPLASH received \$30,000 in Care Act funds.

Budget & Finance

Diane Kopec, Jackie Hertzog Co-Committee Chairs

- No report.

Christian Education ("CE")

Priscilla Knerr, Committee Chair

- No report.
- Next Meeting November 17th.

Church and Ministry

- No report.
- Next Meeting November 5th.

Evangelism

Kathy Weller, Committee Chair

- K. Weller reported that 11 new members joined on October 18th. Their photos have been placed in photo screen by Sanctuary door.
- Linda Okuniewski organized & initiated a phone call list to reach targeted members of the congregation who are not able to join us in-person or virtually.
- \$125.00 donation given toward Christmas Wish Tree.
- Daniel Boone Optimist Club Tree Lighting Event canceled for 2020. We will hold gifts purchased in January over for 2021.
- Next meeting has been scheduled for January 19, 2021 in room #10 at 6:30pm.

Facilities

Doug Reinert, Ed Merkel, Committee Co-Chairs

- D. Reinert reported no meeting was held in October.
- There are a few on-going projects but no major issues this month.
- Alarm system was had a low battery beeping begin Monday and they came and replace yesterday.
- Reviewing snow plowing contracts.

Fellowship

Melissa Millard, Beth Krause, Committee Co-Chairs

- No report.

Missions

Marsha Pingitore, Brenda Haas, Michele Ross, Committee Co-Chairs

- M. Pingitore reported committee prepared 130 meals for the October 27th community table. Thank you everyone who donated desserts. Appreciated Winnie and Janet Knauer help in preparing the meal.
- Planned our next date of 11/12 to make 600 snack bags for City Light Ministry & Providing Hope
- Initially Daniel Boone School District decided to suspend the Thanksgiving basket program this year. They have since decided to ask for Redner's/Boyer's gift cards to allow families to purchase necessary items for Thanksgiving dinner. We are providing 6 - \$75.00 Redner's gift cards totaling \$450
- Assisted several St. Paul's families with grocery store and Walmart gift cards
- Mary's shelter – Will continue to monitor ways in which we can support this program in addition to our financial support. (Cleaning supplies, etc.)
- Next Meeting November 18th at 7:00pm.
- C. Riker reported \$4,320 was collected for Xmas Wish Tree, 58 children will receive gift cards.
- M. Pingitore asked if more funds were donated, can more gift cards be purchased. C. Riker stated yes if there is a need.

SPLASH

Gail Clifford, Committee Chair

- G. Clifford reported a Mock election" held at SPLASH on November 3, 2020.
- One new student and another potential student in a few weeks.
- Multiple early dismissals in DBSD, thus, more time utilizing SPLASH program space/staff.
- As always, stop by for a visit. Check out our "Facebook" postings.
- M. Dadey stated that new carpet was installed in SPLASH room using Care Act funds.

Stewardship

Kurt Stork, Committee Chair

- No meeting/No report.
- 2021 envelopes are on table in library

Technology Committee

Joe Ceklosky, Committee Chair

- B. Riker reported the copier/printer is working, scan to email function is not working Joe will look into.
- New camera controller is ready to be set up for use.
- The actual implementation of Networked Attached Storage device needs to be planned out due to dependence on Windows Active Directory.
- Committee discussed the idea of "Virtual Greeters" in the chat for live service streams.
- A new TV and additional wireless router for SPLASH were purchased with funds from a grant.
- The new Ubiquiti firewall router will be installed over Thanksgiving or Christmas break. Entire computer network needs to shut-down.
- Next meeting Monday, November 16th at 7:00pm.

Worship and Music

Judy Reitz, Debbie Davis, Committee Co-Chairs

- J. Reitz reported committee met to discuss Christmas Eve services. Three services will be held – 3:00pm for high risk people and communion will be serviced, 7:00pm children’s service with the children participating ahead of time on video, and 11:00pm traditional candlelight service. Cleaning will be done between services and RSVP is necessary for services.
- D. Davis stated that Church will be decorated for Christmas on Friday, November 27th from 9am-12pm.

Youth Ministry

- W. Falstich reported that Laurie is working on job description for Worship Committee approval. Position will be posted and hiring process re-started.

Deacons

- No report.

Elders

- C. Sterner reviewed the highlights of the annual Association meeting.

Other Committee Reports

Turkey Supper Committee – D. Reinert reported that there are 46 orders and hoping to have 100 orders by cut off time Nov 15th. B. Haas asked if Missions could have any leftovers to give to church families in need. D. Reinert suggested a count be given to committee to make items for needy families.

Nominating Committee – A. Zuber thanked the committee for completing work required for Annual Meeting. G. Clifford asked about nominee for Guildin Trust. J. Leister explained terms of committee members serving on Guildin Trust.

MOTION: To accept the slate of officers for nomination and approval at Annual Meeting.

- **MOTION BY:** A. Zuber **SECOND:** C. Sterner **VOTE:** All in favor

PUP Committee – M. Dadey stated the committee reviewed the “No Alcohol” Policy. A suggestion was made that a church member may want alcohol at a future event. The committee is recommending not to make any changes to policy. M. Pingitore asked if any events were turned away due to policy. M. Dadey stated she was not aware of any.

MOTION: To accept the recommendation of the PUP Committee to not make any changes to policy.

- **MOTION BY:** C. Sterner **SECOND:** B. Haas **VOTE:** All in favor

Old Business

New Business

December Consistory Meeting – A. Ross discussed past year’s meeting of having dinner and inviting new Consistory members. Consistory members discussed options. At December meeting current and future Consistory members will enjoy Dessert and Coffee. Members are asked to reply to A. Ross about attendance.

Annual Meeting – A. Ross discussed meeting and reaching a quorum. ZOOM participation will count towards quorum. D. Reinert asked if a quorum isn’t reached what happens. A. Ross stated he would research to find out.

Utility Cart for Missions Committee - B. Haas discussed purchasing a utility cart, the existing one is falling apart. G. Clifford suggested using Memorial Funds to purchase a new one.

Home Association – G. Clifford stated that landscaping work is being completed at parsonage.

Devotions – will be given by C. Sterner.

Expenditure Approvals

- **MOTION:** Approve Office payment request as follows:
\$60.47 for Copy Paper
Up to \$150 for postage
 - **MOTION:** Approve Evangelism Committee payment request as follows:
\$15.58 – Bread for new member
\$100.00 – Outreach donation to Wish Tree
\$54.61 – Bible tracts for Street ministry
 - **MOTION:** Approve Missions Committee payment requests as follows:
\$50.00 – TEAM - Sarah Racine (Monthly)
\$50.00 – On Common Ground Kerry Kuhn Street Ministry (Monthly)
\$350.00 – Bethany Children’s Home
 - **MOTION:** Approve Worship Committee payment request as follows:
\$180.00 – Piano Tuning
\$42.20 – The Upper Room periodical
- MOTION BY:** G. Clifford **SECOND:** J. Reitz **VOTE:** All in favor

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.
- Next Consistory meeting was set for December 2 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Kehoe
Secretary