

St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Amityville
Consistory Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2018

Present: Harriet Boyer, Joe Ceklosky, Marlene and Peter Dadey, Naomi Dublanica, Autumn Herbst, Diane and Paul Kopec, Beth Krause, Judy Leister, Katie Loomis, Anne McLain, Ed Merkel, Linda Okuniewski, Donna Pennypacker, Mitch Racine, Doug and Marianne Reinert, Brian and Connie Riker, Alan Ross, Pastor Steven Simpson, Kathy Weller, Kelly Yanos

Visitor: Marlin Spotts

President Diane Kopec called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The members recited the mission statement, and Linda Okuniewski led a brief period of devotions.

Security Committee – *No report*

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Steven is working on June Doudna's funeral arrangements with her family.

Endowment Fund Report: *Marlin Spotts*

MOTION: Authorize the distribution of \$2,959.35 to be divided equally between capital improvements, debt reduction, and/or building programs (\$1,479.67) and mission outreach (\$1,479.68).

MOTION BY: Marianne Reinert **SECOND:** Judy Leister **VOTE:** All in favor

President's Report:

- St. Peter's UCC in Tremont, NJ, sent correspondence in appreciation for St. Paul's donation.
- Diane Kopec reminded committee chairs that completed budget worksheets are due to Budget and Finance immediately, and annual reports are due to the office by October 5.
- Representatives are needed to attend the Covenant Association meeting on October 28, and the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference meeting on November 10.
- In order to meet the advertising deadline for the November 18, 2018, Annual Congregation Meeting, the next Consistory meeting must be rescheduled from November 7 to **October 31.**

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Approve the September 5, 2018, meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION BY: Naomi Dublanica **SECOND:** Judy Leister **VOTE:** All in favor

Treasurer's Report – *Peter Dadey*

	<u>Sept. 2018</u>	<u>2018 YTD</u>
Income	\$28,784	\$353,265
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$43,681</u>	<u>\$365,841</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$14,897)	(\$12,576)

Budget & Finance: – *Alan Ross*

- Budget worksheets have been distributed to committee heads.
- The Committee reviewed financial statements through August 31, 2018.
- The 2016 audit is available for inspection and will be kept on file.

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

- **MOTION:** Engage Re-Creation to perform on Saturday, August 24, 2019, at a cost of \$1,500, and again on Sunday, August 25, 2019, at no cost.
MOTION BY: Marianne Reinert **SECOND:** Alan Ross **VOTE:** All in favor
- Marlene Dadey passed around a progress report on the World Vision child and a booklet made by a 1st grader in the Splash program, illustrating the child's enjoyment of the program.

Church and Ministry – *Marianne Reinert*

- Sara Lambert has been hired to replace Lisa Ricci as Financial Secretary.
- Crystalyne Willman is in training for the nursery assistant position.
- A multi-committee meeting is scheduled for October 10 to discuss how to proceed with filling the position of facility coordinator.

Evangelism – *Kathy Weller*

- Missions Committee and Evangelism Committee are starting joint meetings.
- Oct 7 – New members classes start
- Oct 12 – Ladies Night Out in FLMC
- Oct 23 – Douglassville Halloween Parade. All are welcome to participate.

Facilities - *Doug Reinert*

- The pantry floor of the Chapel is currently being replaced.
- Two windows were cracked during the FLMC painting project. A reparation payment is forthcoming from the contractor's insurance company.
- The Committee seeks suggestions for light tasks that can be performed by the Coffee & Conversation group.

Fellowship – *Beth Krause*

- Ladies Aid donated enough paper products to cover Fellowship hour through the year.
- Kerry Kuhn distributed more than 60 sandwiches that were left over from the Church Picnic to homeless people in Reading.
- The Committee seeks assistance with setting up and serving at the weekly fellowship hour, as well as setting up and serving at the November 18 Annual Meeting luncheon.

Missions – *Donna Pennypacker*

- The food pantry was sprayed for moths; a large quantity of boxed food was discarded.
- The CROP walk will be held on October 14 at Daniel Boone Homestead. Picnic is at noon; walk begins at 2:00.
- Events in the planning stages include Thanksgiving baskets, Wish Tree, and a one-day women's retreat.

Stewardship – *Paul Kopec*

- The Committee is drafting the annual stewardship letter to be sent along with the giving statements.
- Neighbors in Need offering will be collected Sunday, October 7.

Technology Committee – *Joe Ceklosky*

- The email/telephone voice mail interface is operational.
- The Committee requests that an option for audio equipment be added to the wedding reservation form to accommodate soloists and/or instrumentalists.

- The Splash/Youth chromeboxes have arrived and are being set up.
- The Committee will reconfigure the account setup on the iPad and document details for future reference.
- The sound board will be moved to FLMC during the week of December 3 to support the Christmas Pageant.
- The front FLMC video camera is not working. It appears that the unit or cable is defective.

Worship and Music – *No report*

Youth Ministry – *Mitch Racine*

- The Youth Group has been split into e groups: Grades 3-5, Grades 7-9 and Grades 10-12.
- Upcoming events:
 - October 17 – Hope Rescue Mission meal service
 - October 22 - Speaker: Bob Lenz
- Mitch Racine presented a conceptualized schematic of new Youth Room set-up. He estimated that the cost for chairs, a small refrigerator, and painting/decorating would be approximately \$2,500.

Deacons - *No report*

Elders

- Anne McLain shared anecdotes about how much June Doudna enjoyed helping with the turkey supper.
- There are 13 seats left on the bus for the Longwood Gardens trip.

Nominating Committee

The Committee needs to fill a deacon position and Youth ministry chair.

Old Business:

Kelly Yanos will lead the October 31 devotions.

New Business/Expenditure Approvals:

- Pastor Steven reported that water damage was sustained in the Parsonage basement.
- **MOTION:** Approve Missions Committee payment requests as follows:
 - \$1,000.00 – Hope Rescue Mission annual support,
 - \$250.00 – Weekend food backpacks for Amity Intermediate Center,
 - \$50 – Monthly missionary support for Sarah Racine,
 - \$213.55 – Reimbursement for college care packages postage,
 - \$1,000.00 – Berks Base 18 for Bob Lenz outreach at local schools.
 - \$1,479.68 (endowment funds) donation for Berks Base 18.

MOTION BY: Donna Pennypacker **SECOND:** Alan Ross **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve payment of up to \$40 for pew envelopes.

MOTION BY: Kathy Weller **SECOND:** Marianne Reinert **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve payment of \$2,724.89 for telephone system/installation.

MOTION BY: Brian Riker **SECOND:** Alan Ross **VOTE:** All in favor
- **MOTION:** Approve payment of \$280 to Martin Enterprises for fire extinguisher inspection.

MOTION BY: Doug Reinert **SECOND:** Alan Ross **VOTE:** All in favor

- **MOTION:** Approve expenditure of \$3,800 in January 2019 for heater covers to be funded as follows:
 - \$2,255 – Memorial Fund
 - \$250 – Private donation
 - Balance - Endowment Fund allocation**MOTION BY:** Doug Reinert **SECOND:** Anne McLain **VOTE:** All in favor

- **MOTION:** Approve Christian Education, Splash, and office payment requests as follows:
 - \$55.97 – children’s baptism bibles
 - \$300 – stipend for Christmas Pageant director
 - Up to \$150.00 – Splash supplies,
 - \$140.00 – postage**MOTION BY:** Marianne Reinert **SECOND:** Alan Ross **VOTE:** All in favor

- **MOTION:** Approve custodial payment requests as follows:
 - \$287.36 – custodial supplies
 - Approximately to \$100.00 – foyer carpet**MOTION BY:** Alan Ross **SECOND:** Naomi Dublanica **VOTE:** All in favor

- **MOTION:** Approve payment of \$100 for stewardship mailing postage.
 MOTION BY: Paul Kopec **SECOND:** Marianne Reinert **VOTE:** All in favor

- **MOTION:** Approve payment of \$500 to Life Promotions for support of Bob Lentz presentations.
 MOTION BY: Anne McLain **SECOND:** Naomi Dublanica **VOTE:** All in favor

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.
- The next meeting of the Consistory of St. Paul’s UCC, Amityville, will be held on Wednesday, **October 31**, 2018, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly J. Yanos
Recording Secretary