

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Amityville**  
**Consistory Meeting Minutes**  
**September 1, 2021**

**Present** – Joe Ceklosky, Marlene Dadey, Peter Dadey, Debbie Davis, Lori Falstich, William Falstich, Chad Gaiser, Brenda Haas, Jackie Hertzog, Michelle Kehoe, Beth Krause, Judy Leister, Melissa Millard, Kay Nyman, Marsha Pingitore, Judy Reitz, Brian Riker, Connie Riker, Alan Ross, Michele Ross, Carol Sterner, Kathy Weller, Anita Zuber, Richard Zuber

President Alan Ross called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.  
Devotions were given by Marsha Pingitore.

**Pastor's Report**

- Report was emailed.

**President's Report**

**Alan Ross, President**

- No report.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Approve the July 6, 2021 meeting minutes. Approve the August 4, 2021 meeting minutes as amended.

- **MOTION BY:** M. Pingitore                      **SECOND:** K. Weller                      **VOTE:** All in favor

**Treasurer's Report**

**Peter Dadey, Treasurer**

	<u>August 2021</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>
<b>Income</b>	\$54,826	\$316,880
<b>Expenses</b>	\$48,282	\$287,755
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	\$ 6,544	\$ 29,125

**Budget, Finance & Stewardship**

**Jackie Hertzog, Committee Chair**

- J. Hertzog reported the committee met August 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 2022 Budget worksheets were given to each committee. They are due back on September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Budget will be reviewed at November Consistory Meeting.
- Stewardship – Paul and Diane Kopec wrote an article for newsletter.
- Meeting September 29<sup>th</sup> to review budget.

**Christian Education**

**Judy Reitz, Committee Chair**

- Sunday School will be held for preschool through grade 6 during the worship service beginning on September 12. The children will attend the beginning of the service. Pastor Steven will introduce the lesson through the children's message. The children will be divided into 2 groups (preschool - grade 2 and grades 3 - 6). If the numbers are low the group could be kept together that week. The volunteers for that Sunday will sit in a designated place in the sanctuary so that the children whose parents do not attend worship have the opportunity to be part of the beginning of the service.
- Marlene reviewed the Sunday School roster so that the teachers know the approximate number of children in each age group.
- The curriculum chosen is *Bible Story Basics*. Year 1 begins with the study of *Genesis*.
- Many of the staff (8) are returning to teach, however more volunteers are needed to be able to have one team of 4 to teach once a month.
- Marlene will lead the new Pre-Confirmation class for grade 7. She will need a parent volunteer as the second adult. Pastor Steven will lead the Confirmation class for grades 8 and 9. A parent volunteer is

needed as the second adult. Both classes will meet via Zoom, but there will be some in-person meetings. A parent/confirmand meeting will be held on Rally Day at noon.

- Chad Gaiser and Wendy Elser are working on plans for the senior high students. *Connect* will meet on Sundays at 10:30.
- Adult Sunday School classes will continue. Dick Flickinger's class continues to meet. Marlin Spotts's class will begin on 9/12 and Barry's class will begin on 9/19.
- *Rally Day* is Sunday, September 12 beginning during the worship service. The teachers will be introduced. The children will come forward to receive the children's message and to have their back packs blessed. They will then be dismissed as one group for a Sunday School activity. A *Picnic Brunch* will follow with punch and brunch items.
- Our next meeting is October 5.

### **Church and Ministry**

**Richard Zuber, Committee Chair**

- R. Zuber thanked Marlin Spotts for locking doors while Shannon is on vacation. Alan Ross also volunteered to fill-in.
- Next meeting September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- A. Ross asked if committee needed to meet before 15<sup>th</sup>. R. Zuber stated meeting can be moved to 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Evangelism**

**Linda Okuniewski, Kay Nyman Co-Committee Chairs**

- No report.

### **Facilities**

**Doug Reinert, Ed Merkel, Committee Co-Chairs**

- M. Dadey reported an intruder was in the church this morning. A deer broke thru glass door at rear FLMC. She spoke with D. Reinert and Mark Sitler boarded up the door.

### **Fellowship**

**Melissa Millard, Beth Krause, Committee Co-Chairs**

- M. Millard reported Rally Day will be September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- She needs help setting up tables at 8:30.

### **Missions**

**Marsha Pingitore, Brenda Haas, Committee Co-Chairs**

- B. Haas reported committee met on August 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Community Ministry - Guest speaker Connie and Jim joined our meeting from St. John's Lutheran church who currently serve meals to their community. They provided an overview of how they serve meals to the community. Our first community meal will be served on Wednesday 9/22/21. Making 100 meals and serving Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Dessert. Evangelism ordered Bible Tracts with St. Paul's UCC imprinted on them. The bible tracts will be placed with the meal. Placing a meal prayer label on each container. Judy Reitz made a sign stating, "Free community Dinner served today at 5:00." Checking with township to see if they can advertise on their sign, 2 weeks prior to event. Pick up meal at church parking lot
- Open House at Mary's Shelter – Friday 10/8 from 10-6. The Open House is an invitation for the public to visit the newly renovated lower level, which will house their youth STRONG Program.
- Budget - Reviewed line items and are on target for completing September deadline
- Next Mission Committee Meeting will be September 22nd @ 7:00 Room 8.

### **SPLASH**

**Gail Clifford, Committee Chair**

- M. Dadey reported summer SPLASH was successful.
- Fall SPLASH started 13 children in morning, 18 in afternoon.

### **Technology Committee**

**Joe Ceklosky, Committee Chair**

- J. Ceklosky reported the need to purchase a few UPS devices for the church streaming equipment and some of the wireless routers. These units cost about \$50 each with a 2-year warranty. Asking consistory for OK to get 4 units. These small units will be able to keep power for about 25 minutes.
- D. Reinert will work with the vendor to learn how to open the sign. After that we know how to open the sign, Joe and Doug will meet with a laptop to hopefully restore access to the sign. The vendor said that they do not know how to restore the wireless access.
- Diana has sent out the ask for the fall streaming schedule. We will continue to only have one service at 9:30 AM on Sunday. If we don't have enough people for the chat, we will not worry about it.

### Worship and Music

**Michele Ross, Committee Chair**

- M. Ross reported the committee will meet October 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Youth Ministry

**Lori Falstich, Committee Chair**

- L. Falstich reported Youth Ministry Committee met August 18.
- Memorial butterfly bush dedication ceremony for Maddie Cunningham had nice attendance, including her family, on 8/22.
- Rita's fundraiser raised \$171 on 8/25. Thanks to all who contributed.
- First Youth Group set for Sept. 8 for grades 6-12 from 7-8:30 pm. Meetings will be held every other week to start.
- Youth Ministry will host yard games at the Rally Day picnic on 9/12.
- Family movie night is scheduled for Sat. 9/25 outside (weather permitting). Tammy Naus has agreed to allow us to use her movie projector.
- Youth Group is scheduled to serve at Hope Rescue Mission on Oct. 13.
- We are still seeking a volunteer(s) to take over the grocery gift card fundraiser.
- Emily is developing a new youth group t-shirt which will be issued for the 2020/21 school year.
- Youth Ministry will meet again on September 13 at 7:00 pm.

### Deacons

- No Report

### Elders

- No Report

### Other Committee Reports

Peach Festival - P. Dadey stated that the Festival took in over \$15,000, felt it was the best one held.

### Fundraising Committee

- B. Haas reported Committee met to discuss no cook Sunday on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Apple Dumplings will be made.
- Turkey Supper will be take out sales of sides
- Next Meeting September 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Old Business

**MOTION:** ratify actions and reports from the August Meeting due to lack of quorum.

**MOTION BY:** J. Leister

**SECOND:** C. Sterner

**VOTE:** All in favor

### New Business

- **Devotions** – Kathy Weller
- **Annual Report** – Due to Church office by October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION:** To install new closet in the Pastor's office which is now part of the church building be added to and paid for by the Memorial Fund.

**MOTION BY:** J. Reitz                      **SECOND:** M. Ross                      **VOTE:** All in favor

- Consistory members discussed use of donated funds for additional items for Pastor.

#### **Nominating Committee**

- A. Zuber as VP will chair the committee.
- C. Sterner, Elder volunteered to serve.
- A. Zuber will ask a Deacon and a Committee head to serve on the committee.

#### **Expenditure Approvals**

- **MOTION:** Approve SPLASH payment request as follows:  
Up to \$300 – Supplies
  - **MOTION:** Approve Office payment request as follows  
Up to \$100 – Copy Paper and Supplies  
\$110.00 – Stamps
  - **MOTION:** Approve CE payment requests as follows:  
\$719.76 – 36 Confirmation Bibles  
\$46.81 – Costumes  
Up to \$100 – Rally Day
  - **MOTION:** Approve Facility payment request as follows:  
\$250.00 – Custodial Supplies  
Up to \$1,000 – Fire Extinguisher Inspection
  - **MOTION:** Approve Missions Committee payment request as follows:  
\$200.00 – Mobile Food Bank  
\$50.00 – On Common Ground Kerry Kuhn Street Ministry (Monthly)]
  - **MOTION:** Approve Evangelism payment request as follows:  
\$191.08 – Hand Sanitizers  
\$132.00 – Greeting Card Ministry
  - **MOTION:** Approve Technology payment request as follows:  
\$250.00 – 4 UPS Power Supply
  - **MOTION:** Approve Worship payment request as follows:  
\$44.88 – Upper Room
  - **MOTION:** Approve Youth Ministry payment request as follows:  
\$50.00 – Memorial Fund for Maddie's Butterfly bush and flowers  
\$30.74 – Root Beer Float supplies for Peach Festival  
\$100.00 – Youth Group snacks for September  
\$120.00 – Canva Pro publishing software for Emily  
\$155.00 – Popcorn machine for Youth Room
- MOTION BY:** M. Ross                      **SECOND:** D. Davis                      **VOTE:** All in favor

#### **Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.
- Next Consistory meeting was set for October 6 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Kehoe  
Secretary