

St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Amityville
Consistory Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2024

Present – Curt Clifford, Peter Dadey, Debbie Davis, Chad Gaiser, Brenda Haas, Jackie Hertzog, John Johnson, Judy Leister, Susan Lincoln, Kay Nyman, Linda Okuniewski, Heidi Pennypacker, Doug Reinert, Marianne Reinert, Judy Reitz, Alan Ross, Michele Ross, Martha Sitler, Kathy Weller
Devotions were given by Alan Ross.

President Curt Clifford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Quorum established.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Approve meeting minutes of May 12, 2024, as presented.

MOTION BY: Alan Ross

SECOND: Judy Leister

VOTE: All in favor

MOTION: Ratify all motions made at the meeting on June 12 and approve the minutes of same.

MOTION BY: John Johnson

SECOND: Jackie Hertzog

VOTE: All in favor

Secretary's Report/ Correspondence

Martha Sitler, Secretary

- No report or correspondence

Treasurer's Report

Peter Dadey, Treasurer

	<u>June 2024</u>	<u>Full Year 2024</u>
Income	\$ 41,246	259,865
Expenses	38,997	253,272
Surplus/(Deficit)	2,249	6,593

President's Report

Curt Clifford, President

- President Clifford announced that Ralph Schafer has resigned his Consistory position as an Elder. Ralph returned information about the Sacred Spaces Program offered through the Berks Community Foundation to assist churches in finding resources to upgrade or renovate older buildings. Kay Nyman asked to look at the materials to see if anything might be pertinent to our HVAC projects. We will plan to fill Ralph's vacant Consistory position through the normal nominations process in advance of the Annual Church meeting.

High Priority Business

Curt introduced Wendy Elser, representing the Guldin Trust Committee. Wendy reported that the committee would like to recommend several changes to the Student Application, which would enable the committee to adjust its awards in recognition of some recent discoveries. She noted that colleges no longer use students' Social Security numbers, but rather a Student ID#. The Committee members also noted that several recent applicants are already receiving free tuition or being reimbursed by an employer. They believe this could result in some Guldin Trust recipients receiving over and above their costs when a partial grant would be a more equitable use of the funds. Wendy said none of the proposed changes would violate the provisions of the original trust. In response to Curt's inquiry, Alan said he believed the original trust documents are in Church files, and he would find them and make them available for Consistory review.

MOTION: Give permission to the Guldin Trust Committee to update the application as they see fit and return the revised document to Consistory for final approval.

MOTION BY: Marianne Reinert

SECOND: Debbie Davis

VOTE: All in favor

Committee Reports

Budget, Finance & Stewardship

Alan Ross, Committee Chair

- No report

Capital Campaign

Rich Zuber, Committee Chair

- No report
- Kay noted that we now have a total of all expenses incurred in the completion of Phases 1 and 2 of the HVAC projects. Alan reported that he has asked our Fiscal Manager for a report of money received and outstanding pledges so we can determine our next moves.

Christian Education

Judy Reitz, Committee Chair

- No report

Church and Ministry

Richard Zuber, Committee Chair

- No report

Evangelism

Linda Okuniewski, Heidi Pennypacker Committee Co-Chairs

- Report emailed.
- Linda Okuniewski reported that Kerry Kuhn would be willing to present a brief Evangelism Moment at the Peach Festival. Since Pastor Steven will not be there, the Consistory suggested that Kerry welcome people and offer a prayer before the first band performs, and again before the second band plays. It was also suggested that Kerry (and others who may be willing) use the Chapel to meet and pray with anyone who wishes during the festival.

Facilities

Brian Casner, Committee Chair

- In Brian's absence, Doug reported that the awning over the building exit near the dumpster will be replaced in August.
- Wayne Elser stripped and cleaned the handicap ramp, and several guys re-sealed it.
- We found out that our water conditioner is not working and will need repairs.

Fellowship

Judy Leister, Committee Chair

- No Report

HVAC

- Report emailed.
- Judy reported that all work on the HVAC unit that serves the Fellowship Hall in the FLMC has been completed and has passed the final Amity Township inspection. The Leibold warranty is now in effect, so any service or repairs must be completed by Leibold.
- Kay went on to explain that during the work on that unit, it was discovered that the separate unit serving the gym is in worse condition than previously thought. It is highly recommended that we replace that unit this fall, because otherwise there will be no heat in the gym next winter. Work on the second unit had been scheduled for Phase 3 of the 5-phase Project as outlined by STV Engineers, but because of the urgency, we should determine how to fund it now-and do the work before winter.
- Funding sources could include moneys left over from the \$200,000 allocated for Phases 1 & 2, additional Home Association commitments, additional Church cash-on-hand and/or a bank loan. Because we did not have enough information about those sources at this meeting, the members decided to move our next

meeting date forward to August 7th instead of the 14th and until then to gather the necessary information to make final funding recommendations at that time.

- Anticipating that our funding recommendations will require Congregation approval, we will call for a Special Meeting of the Congregation for Sunday, August 11 immediately following worship service to present them to the membership.

Missions

Brenda Haas and Marsha Pingitore, Committee Co-Chairs

- Report emailed.
- Brenda reported that the committee met on June 26.
- They are planning a vendor craft/ soup and pie sale on October 12 with all proceeds going toward the Christmas Wish Tree.
- Disaster Relief volunteers are needed to help repair flood damage in the Antietam Valley. See Martha Sitler.
- The Committee is also looking into scheduling a Retreat for all church leaders to discuss new ideas and ways to expand our service to the community.
- Next meeting will be July 24.

Sabbatical

- No report.

SPLASH

Marianne Reinert, Committee Chair

- Report emailed.
- Marianne reported that the Splash Board members met on July 9 and were joined by President Curt Clifford and VP Jackie Hertzog. The Board was advised that a parent of a student had reached out to the Pastor regarding several concerns that she felt had not been adequately addressed by staff. Pastor Steven asked Curt, Jackie and Mahlon Boyer to take over the issue as he was already on his Sabbatical leave. The three of them then met with the parent and sent her an email outlining their understanding of what her concerns were and promising an investigation and a report back to her of their findings. The board members then worked with Curt and Jackie to start formulating that report. Curt said he would draft the report, send it back to Marlene for review and that he would like to deliver a final report to the parent on or before July 19.
- Summer Splash is in full swing and is going very well.

Technology Committee

Kay Nyman, Committee Chair

- Report emailed.
- The Committee received quotes to upgrade the sound system in the FLMC but has decided that the current system is working fine and does not need to be upgraded at this time.
- Julia Leady will be joining the Tech team to help with live streaming the services.
- Next meeting has been moved to July 22 at 7:30.

Worship and Music

Michele Ross, Committee Chair

- No report

Youth Committee

Lori Falstich, Committee Chair

- Report emailed.
- Tickets for the R-Phils game on 8/4 can be picked up from Emily, or at the will-call window at the stadium.
- Emily and Lori had a Zoom meeting with Mitch to discuss the Bob Lenz programs scheduled at 6 local schools in October. Volunteers and financial support of this ministry are needed.
- Youth Ministry will host games and root beer floats at the Peach Fest. No bounce house this year.

- Youth Ministry Committee will meet on the first Monday of the month starting August 5.

Deacons

- Martha reported that Deacons (and others) have been visiting shut-ins, sending cards, and calling hospitalized and sick members. Four church members have volunteered so far at the Disaster Relief sites in Exeter Township.

Elders/ Spiritual Council

- No Report

Other Committee Reports

Peach Festival

- Scheduled for Saturday, August 17. Help needed.

Circle of Friends

- Picnic scheduled at noon on July 11 at the Peach Pavilion. Bring a dessert or side dish.

Old Business

None

New Business

- **The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 7 with a Picnic meal beginning at 6:00 pm at the Peach Pavilion. Please note that this is the FIRST WEDNESDAY rather than the SECOND. Spouses are welcome to attend the picnic. Please call or text Martha at 484-824-8358 to sign up and choose the food you will bring. The Consistory will meet following the meal. In case of inclement weather, we will move indoors to the Social Room.**
- **Devotions** – for that meeting will be given by Martha Sitler

Expenditure Motions – (Unbudgeted or >\$500)

MOTION: To approve two payments to Conrad Electric for work on the HVAC Project in the Christian Education Building. One for \$6803.52 and one for \$5582.36.

MOTION BY: Doug Reinert

SECOND: Judy Reitz

VOTE: All in favor

Adjournment:

- At 9:12 pm.

MOTION BY: Chad Gaiser

SECOND: Linda Okuniewski

VOTE: All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Sitler
Secretary