

Emanuel United Church of Christ
Consistory Minutes – September 13, 2022

Present: Val Cordray, Helen Tritt, Andrea Sammons, Pastor Gaye Santoro, Nancy Perry, Janel Baughman, Bob McCall, Nick Kindel

Absent: Betsy Rawlins, Glenn Lynn, Alexandra Sammons

The consistory meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by President Val Cordray through Zoom. Pastor Gaye Santoro opened the meeting with a prayer.

Correspondence: none

Secretary's Report: August Consistory minutes were approved via e-mail.

Treasurer's Report: In the black for August, but we are in the red \$11,000 for the year-to-date budget. Andrea moved \$10,000 from the General Fund to the checking account to avoid service fees. Nancy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and Bob seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Report submitted to Consistory.

- Activities: Outdoor Movie (Aug. 12), VBS milestones/Blessing of Backpacks (Aug. 14)
- Upcoming: Pet Blessing (Sept. 25) – donations to One of a Kind Pets Akron; World Communion Sunday (October 2) – no organist yet for that day; Third Grade Bibles (Oct. 16); Trunk or Treat (October 29 – 1-3PM)
- Pastor Gaye thanked everyone for the wedding reception after church on Sunday
- Nick made a motion to accept the Pastor's Report, and Nancy seconded it. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Yard Sale: Sept. 16-17, Volunteers have been scheduled, and details for the sale were finalized.
- Sign for Micro pantry: The sign for the front of the church is up, and there are flyers to distribute at the soup kitchen on September 20.
- 2023 Appalachia Service Project trip: Still investigating dates but haven't asked the youth yet. Goal is 5 youth and 2 adults.
- Secretary vacation: Sandy (September 19-October 1)
- Office Hours: Pastor Gaye will now go back to having Wednesday office hours at the church.

New Business:

- Christmas Potluck: After a discussion, the Consistory has decided to stick with cookies and punch after the Children's Christmas Program on November 27.
- Guest Preacher Compensation & Compensation Request Form: The sample compensation request form was discussed. Andrea has some suggestions for changes to the form and will contact May about tweaking the form.
- Fellowship Hall rental: The Busson Family has asked to use the Fellowship Hall on December 26 for a family Christmas party. The Consistory has approved this request, and they will contact Helen for access to the church.
- Active Member Criteria Clarification:
 - Clarification of what is an active member: attendance, financial support, communion, church activities (within last 3 years)
 - Discussion of an active membership and looking at our church member list

- Elders will make a list of inactive members and submit the list to Consistory.
- The cemetery rights of a burial plot were discussed in connection to the active membership.

Standing Committees:

Missions:

- Soup kitchen – Sept 20
- Change for Change: October 19 benefits Share-A-Christmas program to adopt children to buy Christmas presents
- We discussed the Laundry Project. This project goes to laundromats with soap, supplies, and pays for people's laundry. We are researching this project further.

Christian Education:

- On October 16, four 3rd graders will be receiving their own Children's Bible.
- The Trunk or Treat event is scheduled for October 29 from 1-3PM with a parade at 1PM and then trunk or treating. Cookies and juice boxes will be served on the church porch. We discussed the traffic pattern for the event, so cars were not driving past the children trick or treating.

Elders: See August minutes

Property:

- Bev will be on vacation Sept. 12-16.
- Broken component in furnace room has been fixed.
- Sprayed twice for yellow jackets
- Painted the board and vent on the porch
- Power-washed the front steps and porch
- Painted the sign

Technology:

- Julie is looking into getting 2 lavalier microphones
- Pews have been rearranged in the balcony

Pastoral relations, Music: did not meet

Safety and Security: Door monitors still needed.

Val adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Tritt, Secretary