

Emanuel United Church of Christ: Consistory Minutes – April 18, 2023

Present: Helen Tritt, Andrea Sammons, Pastor Gaye Santoro, Nancy Perry, Nick Kindel, Betsy Rawlins, Alexandra Sammons, Janel Baughman, Glenn Lynn, Karen Foster, Bob McCall

The consistory meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Nick Kindel through Zoom. Pastor Gaye Santoro opened the meeting with a prayer.

Correspondence: none

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

Treasurer's Report: The budget is still in the red. Propane bill was over \$3,000 in March, and the property insurance bill for the quarter was also paid in March. Karen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and Alexandra seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Report submitted to Consistory.

- Pastor Gaye met with Pastor Caroline Berry from the Methodist Church about the Laundry Project. DUMC has done the Laundry Project for 2 months.
- Nick & Pastor Gaye attended a recorded online workshop on church vitality
- The last Lunch & Learn will be Thursday, April 27.
- Earth Day – movie “Plastic Earth” will be Saturday, April 22 at 3PM. We will celebrate Earth Day at worship on April 23. There will be no potluck or clean up.
- Healing Service – April 30
- Gen Ministries – In February, Pastor Gaye put our church in the running to participate in a grant for Christian Education. Our church has been chosen to participate in a program to improve the connection between church and home. They will give digital resources for families to strengthen Bible learning at home. They will give our church training and mentoring for Christian Education. We will need to have 3 volunteers to attend 2 – 1 hour meetings each month and give families ideas to try at home. The grant will be from May – December this year. Helen & Karen are interested in moving forward. We are looking for 1 more volunteer.
- The church vitality festival will be online, and it looks at 8 different points of vitality of the church. These points will be incorporated into the Pastoral Relations Committee.
- Glenn made a motion to accept the Pastor's Report, and Nancy seconded it. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Membership Drive: No Consistory members came up with new ways to grow the church.

New Business:

- Projector: Our projector was 4 years old and wouldn't turn on before Palm Sunday. It was out of warranty, and Best Buy would not fix it. A new projector was purchased by an anonymous donor. The cost of the projector was \$2,500.
- Vacation request: May Sweet (June 23-July 2). Bob made a motion to accept May's vacation, and Karen seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Pastoral Relations Committee: Pastor Gaye and Nick met and brought names to the Consistory for this committee. There are 6 members on this committee. Pastor Gaye and Becky Kindel are on the committee and four other members will be asked. One member of the committee must be a member of Consistory. Nancy made a motion to accept the possible names for the Pastoral Relations Committee, and Betsy seconded it. The motion carried.

Standing Committees:

Pastoral relations: did not meet

Missions:

- Next meeting – May 17
- The soup kitchen was April 11, and we served 102 meals. Thank you to the people that made cookies and decorated the bags.
- Earth Day meal and activities have been postponed.

Christian Education:

- 12 activity packets were given to children on Easter Sunday
- Graduation Sunday is June 25. Andrew Weyand & Hailey Porter are graduating from high school. Rebecca Painting is graduating from college.
- Church picnic will be July 16.
- Vacation Bible School will be July 30 – August 1. This will be a combined VBS with the Doylestown churches.

Elders: See March minutes. Elders are looking for ways to better connect with congregation members.

Property:

- Brad Kurtz leveled out the parking lot.
- 6-8 strong men are needed to lower the flagpole at the parsonage and replace the hook on the top of the flagpole.
- Consistory asked the property committee to fix the sidewalk from the narthex to the driveways.
- Consistory asked the property committee to trim the trees in the cemetery.

Technology: new projector purchased

Music: no report

Safety and Security: Door monitor tablet checked and is running fine.

Janel made a motion for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Tritt, Secretary