

Emanuel United Church of Christ: Consistory Minutes – November 8, 2022

Present: Val Cordray, Helen Tritt, Andrea Sammons, Pastor Gaye Santoro, Nancy Perry, Janel Baughman, Nick Kindel, Betsy Rawlins, Glenn Lynn, Alexandra Sammons, Bob McCall
The consistory meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Val Cordray through Zoom. Pastor Gaye Santoro opened the meeting with a prayer.

Correspondence: Val received letters from Ohio Edison that they will be trimming trees blocking the power lines.

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

Treasurer's Report: After discussing the deficit, the question was asked if we need to pull money out of Edward Jones to balance the books. Andrea said the checking account balance is still okay, so she doesn't think we need to move money yet. Betsy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and Nancy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Report submitted to Consistory.

- Pastor Gaye filled in at Trinity for the Witness Tree ceremony.
- Andrea sent \$350 deposit for ASP team.
- November 10 will be the last Lunch & Learn until January.
- Pastor Gaye is off on November 17 because Tom is having ankle surgery.
- After a discussion, church service on Sunday, December 25 will be moved to 9am.
- On December 11, Tom will be preaching for Pastor Gaye, and it will be no cost to the church. There was a scheduling conflict with Playhouse Square, and they gave matinee tickets instead of evening tickets on December 11. Nancy made a motion to allow Tom to fill in and preach on December 11, and Glenn seconded it. The motion carried.
- Bob made a motion to accept the Pastor's Report, and Alexandra seconded it. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- 2023 Appalachia Service Project trip: Gaye is doing the 4 training sessions for all Doylestown ASP members. Pancake Dinner fundraiser – Tuesday, February 21.
- Active Member Roster: Gaye will text a draft of her letter to Consistory members after this meeting. Elders are leaning towards a “missing you” letter. Ask inactive members – “How can we pray for you?”
- Pet Blessing: After discussion, the church will not be using the Doylestown Park for the Pet Blessing in September. There was discussion about doing this on a Saturday at Silver Creek Metro Park.

New Business:

- Christmas Fund Offering: Veterans of the Cross offering will be collected on December 18
- Christmas Day Service: The Christmas Day service will be a more casual service at 9am. There is no organist, so we will use the chimes and do a ring & sing. Helen made a motion to move the service to 9am. Glenn seconded it. Motion carried.
- Consistory terms ending January 2023: Val is finishing her second term, and Helen, Janel, and Betsy are finishing their first term. Helen, Janel, and Betsy agreed to serve a second term. We will need to find one person to replace Val, and they would start February 2023.
- 2023 Budget Committee: Val, Andrea, Nick, and Helen will serve as the budget committee. It will be a Zoom meeting.
- Second Sunday Social chairperson: Jean Holden is now co-chair of Missions, so we are looking for someone to replace her. Alexandra Sammons volunteered to coordinate the

Second Sunday Socials.

- Elders will coordinate the greeter schedule.
- Congregational Meeting: January 29, 2023
- Member highlights in monthly newsletter: Val, Sandy Bee Lynn, Art Holden, and Nancy Perry will be a committee to interview members for the newsletter.

Standing Committees:

Missions:

- October Change for Change collection was \$280. The church will adopt 3 children for Doylestown Share-A-Christmas program.
- Blessing Box is going well.
- Still looking into the Laundry Project. Barberton and Wadsworth churches have laundry days in their cities.
- Next soup kitchen is November 22.
- We are putting up a giving tree for socks and underwear that will be donated to Common Threads and Marian's Closet.
- Next meeting – Wednesday, January 18

Christian Education:

- Trunk or Treat was very successful and well attended. There were 16 trunks and 60-70 trick or treaters. Next year, the event will only be 1 hour.
- Schedule for Children's Sunday School helpers will start in December.
- The Children's Program will be on November 27 during worship with a cookie reception afterwards.
- Christmas Post Office will use hanging files for each family. The 10 cent per card donation will go towards Mission fund.
- The children will ring the chimes on December 11.
- Three Kings bell-ringing after worship – January 8
- Movie or Game event at the church - February 19
- ASP Pancake Dinner at Emanuel – February 21

Elders: See October minutes

Property:

- Re-varnishing endcaps of pews
- Researching leaf guards for church gutters
- Replaced the timer on sign
- Kenny Rich does an awesome job keeping up the church grounds, parsonage, and cemetery.

Technology: Julie has recommended to get a new lapel mic. Handheld mic is in the pulpit, and it should be used for people making announcements from their seat for streaming service.

Music: Carol will start back in December. Bells are hoping to play twice in December.

Pastoral relations did not meet

Safety and Security: Door monitors still needed.

Val adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Tritt, Secretary