

Emanuel United Church of Christ: Consistory Minutes – August 8, 2023

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

Absent: Karen Foster

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

Correspondence: none

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

Treasurer's Report: Found the missing parsonage rent. June income is - \$1,557 (- \$6,954 YTD); July income + \$745 (- \$6209 YTD). The church account held at Edward Jones had an \$8,000+ increase for June and July. Janel made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and Bob seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Report submitted

- Past: Graduation, Picnic, New Horizon concert
- Upcoming: Movie night, Blessing of the Backpacks/RubberDucks game (August 20)
- Sharon Alberson turned in her notice that she will no longer be an organist starting the end of September.
- Glenn made a motion to accept the Pastor's Report and Nancy seconded it. The motion carried.

Old Business:

- Pastoral Relations Committee: The members of the committee are Art Holden, Amanda Cotton, Brian Poetter, Janel Baughman, Carol Blamar, and Nick Kindel. The committee is hoping to meet this month via Zoom.
- Yard Sale: We are having a bake sale during the yard sale with free coffee. Brad Kurtz will be offering a limited menu of food for sale (burgers, hot dogs). Food will be provided for the sale volunteers. We have 3 pop up tents and 1 large tent. We will need lots of help on Thursday, September 14 to set up the sale at 2PM, and we need people and a pickup truck to bring things up from the basement and set them on tables.
- Back to Church Sunday: September 24. Andrea Sammons and Helen Tritt will coordinate the potluck.
- Copier Contract Update: Wanted a trial period with new machine but the company does not have a machine available. May is going to try to get a 30 day clause in the contract if we don't like the new copier. The contract is up in December. The consistory would like a trial clause. May will continue to work with the copy company.
- Attendance records: There has been a decline in attendance. It has been a steady decline and Covid is not the reason. What can we do to make things easier for young families? After discussion, the church will have an event on December 2 from 1-4PM for the children of the church. There will be games, crafts, and Christmas play practice (bells). The parents will have the opportunity to go Christmas shopping.

New Business:

- September Consistory meeting: We will keep the normal meeting date and Gaye will make someone the host for Zoom.
- Seeking volunteer to run sound and photo projection during funerals: Glenn volunteered to be trained.
- Church tent: Nick is going to look into prices for purchasing or renting a tent for church

events.

- New Carts: The church is looking into purchasing new carts for the kitchen. Helen will investigate prices and purchase 2 carts for the church.

Standing Committees:

Pastoral relations: New committee will meet soon.

Missions:

- Next meeting August 15
- The soup kitchen is August 29.
- Clothe-A-Kid Change for Change offering – \$405.58

Christian Education:

- Movie night (August 11): True Spirit. There will be popcorn, sno-cones, chips, and candy.
- VBS was a big success. There were 37 children this year. Our church had 5 children attend and 2 adult & 4 youth volunteers.
- Trunk or Treat – October 28 from 1-2PM.
- The Children's Christmas Program will be December 10 with potluck following worship.

Elders: There was no July meeting.

Property:

- Forrest and Nick fixed the sidewalk. It looks great.
- Jeff and Forrest power-washed the pillars.
- Forrest installed the Ring camera for the Blessing Box.

Technology: previously discussed

Music: Sharon Alberson has resigned. We will be looking for another organist.

Safety and Security:

- Tablet for door monitors is working.
- The volunteer door monitor rotation is working good.
- Betsy Rawlins is AED trained and is willing to train members on August 27 after church.

Nancy made a motion for adjournment. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Tritt, Secretary