

Emanuel United Church of Christ: Consistory Minutes – March 14, 2023

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

Absent: Bob McCall

The consistory meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by President Nick Kindel through Zoom. Pastor Gaye Santoro opened the meeting with a prayer.

Correspondence: none

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

Treasurer's Report: The February offering is in the red by \$4,000. Janel made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and Karen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Report submitted to Consistory.

- Game night – big success
- Boundary training – Pastor Gaye attended training for 2 days
- Palm Sunday – April 2; Maundy Thursday – April 6
- Earth Day – April 23. Concentrating on the use of plastic
- Nancy Wunderlich's inurnment will be in our cemetery. Jim Cotton's inurnment will be May 21.
- Nancy made a motion to accept the Pastor's Report, and Alexandra seconded it. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Paper recycling: Consistory voted to remove our name from the waiting list for a second recycling bin.
- Pastor vacations: March 23-29; May 4-17. Both vacations have been approved by the Consistory.
- AmazonSmile: could not find another fundraiser to replace AmazonSmile

New Business:

- Copier contract: May is looking into different copy machine companies before our contract is up in December. We need to make a decision by July.
- Membership Drive: Nick discussed a membership drive program from the UCC website. Nick shared his computer screen, and we discussed the 13 community marketing ideas from the UCC website.

Standing Committees:

Pastoral relations: There are 5 members plus the Pastor on this committee. The committee needs to be revamped. New members for this committee will be brought to the next consistory meeting. From church by-laws: One member of Consistory shall always be a member of the Pastoral Relations Committee. That member shall be chosen in consultation with the committee.

Missions:

- Blanket Sunday collected \$800.
- Pancake dinner raised \$458.
- Soup kitchen is April 11.

- Committee is still researching the Laundry Project.
- Next meeting – May 15

Christian Education:

- 28 people attended Game Night and had a great time.
- Egg Hunt will be April 2 following worship.
- There will be no Sunday School on Easter. Activity envelopes will be provided for the children.
- Earth Day – April 23. There will be a scavenger hunt for the children.

Elders: See February minutes

Property:

- Custodian vacation – April 1-7
- Replaced the ballast in the choir room
- Replaced smoke alarm
- Replaced several light bulbs
- Flagpole needs fixed. They will need 6-8 people to lower the pole.

Technology:

- Andrea got a new laptop for the Treasurer's job. She is using the 2015 version of QuickBooks, but she backs it up.
- Checking on the tablet for door monitors

Music: Glad to have Lily sing. Carol Blunar is back. Bells to play on Easter.

Safety and Security: 15 names are on the door monitor list. A schedule has been made for 2023.

Karen moved for adjournment and Nancy seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Tritt, Secretary