

Emanuel United Church of Christ
Consistory Minutes
January 12, 2021

Present: Brad Kurtz, Helen Tritt, Andrea Sammons, Nick Kindel, Janel Baughman, Glenn Lynn, Val Cordray, Harriet Neiser, Pastor Gaye Santoro, Betsy Rawlins, Alexandra Sammons
Absent: Ernie Lyons

The consistory meeting was called to order at 7:02 by President Brad Kurtz through Zoom. Pastor Gaye Santoro opened the meeting with prayer.

Correspondence: none

Secretary's Report: Minutes were approved with the change in the wording on the housing agreement via e-mail.

Treasurer's Report: We finished the year \$11,600.00 in the red. Some of our CDs have matured and are sitting as cash at Edward Jones. Glenn made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, and Janel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Pastor's Report: see report

- Sandy Bee Lynn is coming on Elders. We still need one Elder.
- Ash Wednesday – Brad will take care of fire bowl and wood. Church buying FM transmitter for outdoor services.
- Betsy made a motion to accept the Pastor's report and Nick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business:

- New Church Website & Video Streaming update: Becky, Janel, and Gaye meeting tomorrow to talk about websites. Brad, Nick, and Jeff met Friday for video streaming. Brad and PJ will meet this week. No longer need an outside (Indeed.com) candidate. We can run the video streaming in-house. We will use a mic to allow the organ sound to go through the streaming board.
- Church to re-open for in-person service whenever coast is clear.
- Payroll Protection Program: Carl Hummel contacted the Consistory to offer his Controller's help to see if the church can qualify for this round of the Payroll Protection Program. Andrea is working with the Controller to get all the information needed for our application.
- New Consistory member approval: Janel made a motion to approve Nancy Perry for the open Consistory position. Val seconded the motion. The motion carried. Brad thanked Harriet and Ernie for their service on Consistory.
- Annual meeting Zoom discussion and voting: We will do a voice vote. Yea or nay.
- Amendment wording for By-laws Amendment J was approved.

New Business

- Earth Day Events: April 18. We will use events and activities that were planned for last year. There will be no potluck.
- New Consistory and Elder Member Installation: February 14
- Confirmation completion and presentation will be in-person tentatively planned for May 23.
- Pavilion reservations: We will reserve picnic pavilion at Doylestown Park for church picnic (August 8, if available) and pet blessing (September 26).

Standing Committees:

Mission: Did not meet. Soup Kitchen and Family Promise have not restarted yet.

Christian Education: Thirty-five people are going to the Alive Music Festival on Thursday, July 15, 2021.

Property:

- An emergency security light has been installed at the top of the stairwell.
- Painting is done in Narthex.
- The new carpeting has been installed in the Narthex.
- The closet has been installed, and the bi-fold doors will be installed soon.
- The church won the battle with the EPA about the well. We do not need to replace our well.
- The bottom portion of the poles in the fellowship hall have been carpeted.

Elders: See December minutes

Safety and Security: nothing to report

Pastoral relations, Music, Technology: did not meet

A motion to adjourn was made by Nick, and Janel seconded it. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Tritt, Secretary