Emanuel United Church of Christ
Consistory Minutes
March 9, 2021

Present: Brad Kurtz, Helen Tritt, Andrea Sammons, Nick Kindel, Janel Baughman, Glenn Lynn, Val Cordray, Pastor Gaye Santoro, Alexandra Sammons, Nancy Perry, Betsy Rawlins
Absent: none

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

Correspondence: none

Secretary's Report: Minutes were approved after February meeting via e-mail. Annual meeting minutes were presented to Consistory. Betsy made a motion to accept the Annual Meeting minutes, and Val seconded it. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Payroll Protection Program needs a separate account, so Andrea is using the Care Fund account, and the Care Fund was temporarily put into the checking account. Nancy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and Glenn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Pastor's Report: see report

- Ash Wednesday went well. Pastor Gaye thanked Nick and Brad for their help.
- New website committee (Becky Kindel, Janel Baughman, Pastor Gaye, & May Sweet) have chosen SquareSpace as our new website provider. The old website will stay active until the new one is ready.
- Sunday service will be streamed from the church for the next two weeks (March 14, 21).
- Palm Sunday will be a drive-in service.
- Maundy Thursday service will be outside between the church and cemetery. A drone will be filming some of this service.
- There will be 2 Easter services.
    - The sunrise service (9am) will be outside between the church and cemetery. The Bible Study group will make egg breakfast sandwiches and coffee for people after the service.
    - The regular service (10:30am) will be in the sanctuary. The safety protocol guidelines will be posted in the newsletter.
    - Due to social distancing guidelines and limited seating, members must sign up for Easter services.
- There will be a flower cross this year.
- Holy Humor Sunday – April 11.
- Earth Day – April 18. Art & Jean Holden will talk about their butterfly trip to Mexico.
- Confirmation class will finish up their lessons on April 11 and 25 with mentors and Pastor Gaye. Confirmation will be Pentecost, May 23.
- Thank you to the Kindels for all their help with Zooming and streaming.
- Val made a motion to accept the Pastor's report and Glenn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business:

- Video Streaming update: Cameras are all setup in the balcony to film the front of the church.
- Payroll Protection Program: The church was approved for the full amount of the loan we were eligible for under the Payroll Protection Program. This money will be used starting February 12, 2021.

- UCC Technology grant: A list of software, website fees, and computers were compiled. Brad will call the UCC office for availability, cap of money, and deadline of these grants.

New Business

- Yard Sale: We are investigating the possibility of selling Yard Sale items through an individual. Details will be brought back to Consistory.
- Wi-Fi extender: The Consistory is looking into a Wi-Fi extender to increase Wi-Fi capabilities to the parking lot and cemetery.

Standing Committees:

Christian Education:

- The children will get a bag with a craft and goodies on Palm Sunday in lieu of an Easter Egg Hunt. Helen will deliver bags to the children that are streaming the service.
- Sunday School will resume in May after the Pastor's vacation.
- Children's bulletins, clipboards, and crayons will be available during Sunday Worship.

Property:

- The wall in the hallway towards the Fellowship Hall was scraped and painted.
- The lights will be cleaned this month, and the pews will be marked for social distancing.
- The violation repairs to our church well have been completed, and our well met the requirements from the EPA.

Elders: There are typically 10 members on this committee, but they currently have 9 members. They will continue with the 9 members.

Technology: previously covered

Safety and Security:

- The protocol guidelines will be placed in the April newsletter.
- Volunteers will be needed to take temperatures at the door.
- There was discussion on the social distancing map of the pews.
- People will need to signup for worship service due to limited seating.

Missions, Pastoral relations, Music: did not meet

A motion to adjourn was made by Val. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Tritt, Secretary