

Emanuel United Church of Christ
Consistory Minutes – March 8, 2022

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

Absent: Betsy Rawlins

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

Correspondence: none

Secretary's Report: February and Annual Meeting minutes were approved via e-mail.

Treasurer's Report: So far, we are in the red \$3,700.00 compared to budget. We had property taxes and a propane bill in February. Glenn made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and Nick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Report submitted to Consistory.

- Micropantry Pancake Dinner was a great success serving 58 dinners. We collected \$93.00 and quite a bit of food. Special thanks to Nancy Perry who brought toothbrushes and toothpaste from the dentist.
- March 19 will be the second build day at the Holden's to finish the micropantry.
- The first Lenten Lunch & Learn had 8 participants.
- Sandy Bee Lynn suggested that our Warriors Journey Home volunteers meet with Trinity's established healing circle to ask questions.
- April 22-23 – Confirmation retreat
- Earth Day – Pastor Gaye found someone to rototill our area for the butterfly garden.
- Nancy made a motion to accept the Pastor's Report, and Nick seconded it. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Micro pantry:
 - The plan is to have the micropantry up and running on Easter.
 - There is discussion on where the micropantry will be placed.
 - Three new shelves were donated to be placed in the small classroom downstairs to store food.
 - A chest with combination lock will be outside with food for people to restock.
 - Publicity – Bob McCall got an email address for the Trading Post. Art Holden is writing an article with pictures for the Trading Post. Kristen Robison is adding info on the Doylestown Cable channel. Sandy Bee Lynn is creating flyers. We will have a micropantry page on our website.
- Warrior Journey Home: See Pastor's Report. Our facilitators are Paul Royer, Sandy Bee Lynn, Vaughn Daniels, Nick Kindel, Sharon Alberson, Pastor Gaye, and possibly Rev. Carl Dulin and Nick's friend.
- PayPal Giving Fund: Discussion about using PayPal Giving Fund to funnel our donations to eliminate processing fees the church paid to PayPal for each transaction. The PayPal Giving Fund pays the church their donations once a month. 14 people in the church use PayPal for their offering. Helen made a motion to pursue the PayPal Giving Fund, and Bob seconded it. The motion carried. Andrea will contact May to set up the Giving Fund.
- Bob McCall bio: We are introducing Bob McCall to the congregation in the April newsletter. Bob will write an article and send it to May to place in the newsletter.

New Business:

- Pastor's vacation: Pastor Gaye is requesting vacation days on Sundays, May 1 and May 22 for wedding dress shopping with her daughter and her son's wedding. Nick made a motion to approve Pastor Gaye's vacation, and Nancy seconded it. The motion carried.
- Door protocols: Discussion about people coming in after the door has been locked. We will post a sign on the window – "For your safety, the door will be locked at 10:45am. If you need assistance, ring the doorbell." We are looking to purchase a used iPad, so the door monitor can talk to people outside once the door is locked. Nick will look into the purchase of the used iPad.
- Yard Sale: After discussion, the Consistory has decided to have a Yard Sale at our church on September 16 & 17 in conjunction with the Doylestown Village-wide sale. Helen will write an article for the April newsletter to let the congregation know to save items and save the dates for helping with the sale.
- Covid restrictions:
 - Update masks recommendation: Masks will now be optional and the sign on the door will be changed. Nancy made a motion to make masks optional, and Glenn seconded it. The motion carried.
 - Second Sunday Socials will begin again. The first social will be the Confirmation reception on May 15.

Standing Committees:

Missions: Soup kitchen – March 15.

Christian Education:

- April 10: Egg Hunt will be outside weather permitting.
- Consistory agreed that our church will participate in the Community VBS again this summer.

Elders: See February minutes. Maundy Thursday service will be inside.

Property: Bev is having knee replacement surgery, and she will be on medical leave mid-March – mid-April.

Music, Technology, Pastoral relations: nothing to report

Safety and Security: discussed under new business

Val made a motion for adjournment. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Tritt, Secretary