

Emanuel United Church of Christ  
Consistory Minutes  
October 12, 2021

**Present:** Brad Kurtz, Helen Tritt, Andrea Sammons, Janel Baughman, Glenn Lynn, Val Cordray, Nancy Perry, Nick Kindel, Pastor Gaye Santoro

**Absent:** Betsy Rawlins, Alexandra Sammons

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:**

- The Methodist Church sent our church a Thank You for participating in Vacation Bible School.
- We got an email from River Valley Recycling telling us about an opportunity to apply for money to create a program at the church. The Consistory has decided to apply for money to create a little library/ little food cupboard and/or creating a butterfly garden with beehive. Helen volunteered to fill out the application which is due November 12.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes were approved after the September meeting via e-mail.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- The transfers from the checking account discussed last month were completed.
- The yard sale profit after expenses was \$6,293.20. The Consistory discussed how much of the profit to go to the Soup Kitchen and the Building Fund. Brad Kurtz made a motion to put \$2,000 in the Soup Kitchen Fund, \$4,000.00 in the Building Fund, and the balance to current expenses (checking). Helen seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Nancy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and Val seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:**

- Healing Service –10/31
- All Saints 11/7, Milestones workshop after church
- Veterans Sunday– 11/14
- Thanksgiving Sunday – 11/21
- Advent Starts -11/28 with Children's Program, Blessing of the Creches (Nativity Sets)
- Ulmers and Brian Poetter Family have contacted the church to schedule baptisms for their children.
- Confirmation class has begun. There are 3 confirmands.
- Glenn made a motion to accept the Pastor's Report, and Nick seconded it. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- Improve high speed internet service: Need to check current speed. Tabled to next month
- Pastor vacation in Orlando, 10/18-10/24; Guest Preacher: 10/24

**New Business:**

- Trunk or Treat: October 30 1PM
  - Set-up 12:15 – 12:45PM. We have 16 trunks.
  - There will be a parade around the trunks first and then candy will be handed out.
  - The office has made flyers telling about church activities to pass out during trunk or treat.
  - Cones will be put on the end of the driveways once the parade starts so people can't drive in during the event.

- Youth retreat – November 12-13 at Temples Hills

### **Standing Committees:**

Missions: scheduling a meeting; received \$2000 for Soup Kitchen from Yard Sale profit

Christian Education: The Children's Christmas Program will be November 28 during worship. Children will help set up the nativity scene in the sanctuary as part of the program. After church, Pastor Gaye will bless congregation members' nativity scenes in the fellowship hall.

Property:

- Patched sidewalk at narthex
- Sprayed for bees in flower bed

Music: Aaron Fried will be playing cello for Veterans Sunday November 14.

Elders: See report.

Technology: plugging the wifi extender in the garage helps signal in the parking lot

Pastoral relations, Safety and Security: did not meet

Nick made a motion for adjournment and Nancy seconded. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Tritt, Secretary