

Emanuel United Church of Christ: Consistory Minutes – September 12, 2023

Present:, Helen Tritt, Andrea Sammons, Nancy Perry, Nick Kindel, Betsy Rawlins, Janel Baughman, Glenn Lynn, Bob McCall, Karen Foster

Absent: Pastor Gaye Santoro, Alexandra Barner

The consistory meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by President Nick Kindel through Zoom.

Correspondence: sent a thank you note to the Weyand family and C.J. Miller

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

Treasurer's Report: August collection was on the plus side. Janel made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and Karen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Pastor's Report: No report submitted. A question was asked if the Pastor takes communion to the shut-ins on a regular basis.

Old Business:

- Yard Sale: Everything seems ready, and we have 20 people for set-up and several for take down. We have 4 pop up tents and 10x20ft tent to line the driveway. We will have a bake sale & food will be for sale.
- Emanuel Family Reunion (Back to Church) Sunday: September 24. We are having a welcoming back Sunday with milestones. Andrea Sammons will coordinate the potluck and Helen & Lynda will be helping her. The church will supply chicken, drinks, and tableware. People should bring sides or desserts.
- Copier Contract Update: After discussion, the Consistory agreed to continue the lease on the current machine. Would the office be able to print a copier instruction sheet to put on the machine so people can follow it to make a copy?
- Church purchases:
 - Nick checked into prices to rent or buy a 20x30ft tent. The Consistory decided to look for a used tent to purchase. Brad Kurtz will look for a used tent to purchase.
 - Helen is shopping for plastic carts with shelf for the kitchen in the fellowship hall.
 - Nick will purchase AED battery and pads.

New Business:

- Music: Sharon Alberson has resigned from the organist rotation. The Consistory will purchase a restaurant gift card and card for the congregation to sign. Carol & Nancy will each play two weeks a month.
- GenOn Program: There is a regional meeting in April where our church receives its resources. Not sure anyone will be able to go. We need to contact the program to see how to get the resources.

Standing Committees:

Pastoral relations: first meeting September 20 via Zoom

Missions:

- Next meeting September 19
- The soup kitchen served 92 meals.
- Blessing Box going well.
- Share-A-Christmas Change for Change offering – October 15

Christian Education:

- Rainbow Ringers will play on September 24.
- Trunk or Treat – October 28 from 1-2PM.
- The Children's Christmas Program will be December 10.

Elders: see August minutes

Property:

- One floodlight is not working. We need to rent a lift to change the bulb.
- Art & Forrest tacked up the trim on the porch.

Technology: The guest password has stopped working for the church's wifi. Can we create a new password? Helen will ask May to troubleshoot this issue.

Music: See New Business. Emanuel Bells will play on September 24.

Safety and Security: nothing

Nancy made a motion for adjournment. Bob seconded it. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Tritt, Secretary