

Emanuel United Church of Christ: Consistory Meeting – February 11, 2025

Present: Nancy Perry, Helen Tritt, Andrea Sammons, Karen Foster, Kristen Robison, Janel Baughman, Alexandra Barner, Betsy Rawlins, Bob McCall
Absent: Dave Poetter, Pastor Gaye Santoro

President Nancy Perry called the meeting to order at 7:02PM. Nancy opened the meeting with a prayer.

Correspondence: Consistory is sending Thank You cards to Brad Kurtz & Becky Kindel.

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

Treasurer's Report: The budget was negative \$3,374.00. There were some big bills like property taxes and propane. Edward Jones was on the plus side \$5,928.00. Kristen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Bob seconded it. The motion carried.

Pastor's Report: see report. Pastor Gaye was not present to highlight items from her report. We talked about the tea planned in July and about "Fill the church with love" event on March 9. Bob made a motion to accept the Pastor's Report, and Karen seconded it. The motion carried.

Old Business:

- a. Recycle bin from Royal Oak Recycling: The church received a message that the delivery of the recycling bin is coming soon.
- b. Greeters & Ushers: The greeter sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex, and it's filling up. There are also announcements in the newsletter and bulletin to ask for volunteers.

New Business:

- a. Elder nomination: Elders shared a member they would like to fill the vacant position. Karen made a motion to approve the member as an Elder, and Kristen seconded it. The motion carried.
- b. Sandy Bee Lynn vacation: March 7-22. Pastor Gaye will print the bulletin for March 16, and Helen will make her calls on March 13. May will make calls and print the bulletin the 2nd week.
- c. Consistory & Elders Installation will be during worship on March 9.
- d. Consistory Officers for 2025:
 - President – Karen made a motion to nominate Nancy Perry as the Consistory President, and Janel seconded it. The motion carried.
 - Vice President – Karen made a motion to nominate Kristen Robison as the Consistory Vice President, and Nancy seconded it. The motion carried.
 - Secretary – Kristen made a motion to nominate Helen Tritt as the Consistory Secretary, and Betsy seconded it. The motion carried.
 - 2025 Consistory Officers:
 - President – Nancy Perry
 - Vice President – Kristen Robison
 - Secretary – Helen Tritt
 - Treasurer – Andrea Sammons

Committees:

Pastoral relations: met last week. They are wrapping up the church profile.

Missions

- Next meeting: February 18
- Quilting Group will continue February 20, March 6, and March 20.
- Soup Kitchen – March 4
- Pancake Breakfast benefiting the Blessing Box – March 1 9-11AM. All the food has been donated. All free will offering and food items will go to the Blessing Box.
- Blanket Sunday Change for Change – February 23

Christian Education

- Sunday School has made 29 Valentine cards for our Golden congregation members.
- Game Day has been cancelled.
- The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Palm Sunday, April 13.
- Vacation Bible School will be Saturday, June 7.

Property: no report

Music – Bells on February 9 cancelled due to illness.

Elders – see minutes. Julie Weyand is the new chairperson

Technology: Nick is stepping down from streaming service and wall projection. We need volunteers to run it.

Safety & Security: Paper copies of the safety presentation slides from the Annual Meeting are in the stand in the narthex, kitchen, pulpit, and custodian closet.

Church policies: Nancy got correspondence from members of the congregation. The letters were read and discussed. Consistory has decided to send a letter to the congregation to address our decision to pause the O&A process while we are searching for a new pastor.

Adjournment: Janel made a motion for adjournment, and Helen seconded it. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Tritt, Secretary