

CHRIST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CONSISTORY MEETING
January 8, 2015, 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Pastor Donald Mason, Larry Noll, Georgia Hemperly, Howard Bixler, Shirley Wolfe, Ruth Troxell, Doug Snyder, David Troxell, Sharon Riganati, Michele Sinadinos, Judy Barchet, John Gible.

ABSENT: Jean Rhine, Carl Graybill and Andrew Mason.

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Howard Bixler, as President and Vice-President arrived late. Pastor Don opened with a prayer.

PASTOR'S REPORT: The Pastor presented a written report in a new format, using a "unit" formula for determining blocks of time. Consistory appeared to like the new format. The Pastor presented a building use form for Life Line Screening for February 23. Since this is a for-profit organization, normal rates will apply. This use was approved. He also presented correspondence from the UCC Home regarding an auction they will be holding. This is being reviewed to determine if we wish to participate. The Pastor is considering some new options for allowing the congregation to participate in the preparation of the service. Some thoughts include meeting at CCUCC and/or via the web to discuss the scriptures for the following week. He also will consider feedback from individuals regarding the prior week's service.

SECRETARY REPORT: Reports for December meeting and special meeting were approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Treasurer presented a profit and loss report for 2014. As soon as we receive the bequest from the Kettering estate, we will be able to pay all outstanding bills, including the outreach, for 2014. The bank in charge of this bequest claims they did not receive the sign-off for these funds, so we signed another set and will mail them immediately. The Treasurer also indicated he spoke with Fulton Bank and they have agreed to drop the monthly fees from our accounts at that bank. The acting Financial Secretary presented the report for December and year ending 12/31/14. Giving improved dramatically in the final two months of the year.

The Finance chairman presented the updated budget for 2015. There were several minor changes including adding funds for clearances which will be needed under the new child protection laws, and separating the pastor's housing from his salary. This is not a change but merely showing it on the initial budget instead of at a later time.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: All positions have candidates to be voted upon at the annual meeting. The Financial Secretary and Assistant Treasurer positions are appointed positions by Consistory so they will be appointed after the meeting. These positions also have candidates.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: The committee met with staff members as well as the Pastor/Parish Relations committee and are working to update job descriptions.

YOUTH DELEGATE: A-C Youth has an outing planned at Paramount. They went Christmas caroling over the holidays. Jen Miller confirmed that she is interested in working with the youth.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Heat tape was installed in the spouting to prevent freezing. There were some issues regarding snow removal last year, so Michelle went over all items with the contractor. He will provide salt as needed. The removal will be on an “on-call” basis, with the Pastor agreeing to be the person responsible for making this decision and calling the contractor. Old Forge will serve as a back-up contractor. The committee will be pursuing estimates for painting the exterior of the church. The Scout project will be dedicated, probably in spring. It was discussed to have someone check the stone that was exposed on the wall during the project, and point it as needed. The elevator has been inspected and is in good working order.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE: No report

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: 41 giving cards were returned this year. This was better than last year, but still with many members not returning them. Consistory indicated they felt Doug did a very good with this campaign. Shelly Dohner indicated on her card that she would be willing to take her therapy dog to shut-ins. Consistory felt this was a great idea.

WORSHIP AND WITNESS COMMITTEE: Some changes have been implemented in worship. They will continue to try new ideas to see which ones work and which ones do not.

HOSPITALITY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE: An independent evaluator checked the new carpet upstairs and agreed that it does not match. The contractor will be installing new carpet in both rooms as well as the hallway as soon as it fits into their schedule. Celebrations will be held in January. The committee is working on clearances for individuals required under the new child protection law.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE: no report

RENEWAL TASK FORCE: They had a meeting December 19 to finalize some items and to plan for ideas for this summer. John indicated they are hoping members bring a friend to Celebrations. There will be 3 discussion groups held during Lent. Paul Fuller from LVC will be here February 25 to discuss “Homosexuality and the Bible.” Local church leaders are invited to “explore various religious faiths” on March 11, and the meeting on March 25 will focus on cancer awareness. There was discussion on holding an all-church retreat.

The above reports were approved.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Judy Barchet indicated they are hoping to hold another soup sale sometime in March and are hoping that someone considers holding a rummage sale at the same time.

Shirley Wolfe requested that the building fund weekly deposit be increased to \$250 so we can repay some funds owed the building fund and possibly build up a reserve for building emergencies. This was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at and concluded with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Wolfe
Consistory Secretary