

CHRIST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
CONSISTORY MEETING  
January 9, 2014, 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Pastor Donald Mason, Howard Bixler, Shirley Wolfe, Jean Rhine, Sharon Riganati, Marie Leshner, Michele Sinadinos, and Judy Barchet.

ABSENT: Larry Noll, Georgia Hemperly, Ruth Troxell, Doug Snyder, David Troxel, Joan Bernardo and Andrew Mason.

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Bixler in the absence of the President and Vice-President. Pastor Don opened with a prayer.

SECRETARY REPORT: The Secretary's report was approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The IRS requires \$20,000 of the Pastor's salary be allocated as housing allowance. A motion was approved making this change for 2014. The Social Security figures in 2014 budget should reflect \$3493.14 as the Church's share. It was noted that \$16,000 was borrowed from the Building Fund during 2013. It appears this was the amount that was needed mostly for OCWM that was not paid in 2012. Weekly envelope giving was up almost 4% and building fund envelopes by 11% in 2013. The financial reports were approved as written.

PASTOR'S REPORT: The Pastor shared some articles that have been placed in the Lebanon Daily News by Ron Salem who had been licensed to serve a UCC congregation in Lebanon. He indicated his desire to leave the UCC and take the congregation with him. As a result his license was revoked as of 12/31/13. Articles explaining the situation were placed in the LDN by the Conference Minister and a UCC minister from Myerstown who had initially recommended Salem for his position.

The Pastor provided a letter to be given to tenants using the parking lot regarding moving their vehicles on Sunday mornings, Christmas Eve, and when snow is predicted. The letter was approved. There are 17 light bulbs burned out in the sanctuary. After some discussion it was decided to replace all bulbs with incandescent 100 watt bulbs.

The Pastor presided at several funerals this past month.

John Koser and Georgia Garrison have indicated they will provide assistance with the Wake Tree.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Nothing to report; however, Joan Bernardo has indicated her need to resign due to health issues so a replacement will be sought by the committee.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Nothing to report

YOUTH DELEGATE: There is a possibility of hosting a monthly movie night on the “big screen” since some interest was shown at the movie previously shown.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: The ceiling damage in the sanctuary during storms/high winds is not covered by insurance. Estimates will be obtained. Michelle will meet with our new snow removal contractor to fine tune his responsibilities. Exterior painting has been put into the 2014 budget – a 3<sup>rd</sup> estimate will be obtained. Bowman will check out the thermostats in the sanctuary as they do not appear to be working correctly.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE: They will meet in the near future.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: There was concern over the low rate of returns from the stewardship campaign. This will be reviewed prior to the 2014 campaign.

WORSHIP AND WITNESS COMMITTEE: No report

HOSPITALITY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE: There are numerous events scheduled in the near future including Celebrations and the Annual Meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the above reports. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: The Pastor indicated that the sign used to promote events at church (youth and other) has passed its useful life and is in need of replacement. He will look into the matter, as well as look for funding.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 and concluded with The Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Wolfe  
Consistory Secretary