

CHRIST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
CONSISTORY MEETING  
May 8, 2014, 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Pastor Donald Mason, Larry Noll, Georgia Hemperly, Howard Bixler, Shirley Wolfe, Ruth Troxell, David Troxell, Michele Sinadinos, Judy Barchet , John Gibble, Alice Gibble and Tom Asman .

ABSENT: Sharon Riganoti, Jean Rhine, Doug Snyder and Andrew Mason.

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Noll and Pastor Don opened with a prayer.

PASTOR'S REPORT: The Pastor indicated he is recuperating but is still not back to full health. He has been working a full schedule. Charles Miller Sr. is now in the Lebanon Valley Home. The pastor indicated that Logan Keaton's project may have to be moved to the north side of the new walkway due to the way the contractor finished and seeded the lawn. The inspection on the elevator failed due to a relay in the smoke detector not working. The new part will take a few days, but it will probably be several weeks before the inspector will return. The pastor indicated he is on board with the vitality/focus groups and is happy to be provided direction in the way the congregation wishes to go in the future. The Pastor presented a proposal on the sound system to Consistory. It will be presented at a Congregational meeting on June 8.

SECRETARY REPORT: Approved as read.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Willie indicated that we need to update our church roll since some of our dues are based on church membership. The Finance Committee met last week. While giving appears to be going in the right direction, we are still about \$6500 behind same time last year, at least in part due to the harsh winter with low attendance. A request was made to have a formal breakdown of funds given for the elevator – specifically the Markey fund, group funds, individual gifts as a whole, etc. Finance will provide this information. They will begin putting the weekly “giving” amounts in the bulletin and the Wake-Tree regularly so members can see where we stand.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Judy Barchet indicated that Howard (Willie) Bixler is willing to serve as Personnel Chairman and Thomas Asman is willing to serve as our new Treasurer. Motion was made and approved to accept this recommendation from the Nominating Committee effective immediately.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

**YOUTH DELEGATE:** The pastor indicated that Jen Miller has indicated a willingness to lead our youth. This was met with enthusiasm by all members.

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE:** In addition to the elevator news stated above, Michelle indicated that May 10 will be a clean-up day and anyone willing to help will be greatly appreciated. Areas affected by construction will be targeted first. The contractor who patched the roof and replaced several tiles feels that since we haven't had additional leaks in the recent rains, they do not need to return to check further. The contractor will be coming to fix the ceiling in the sanctuary. Insurance estimates appear to cover most of the costs of this work. All light bulbs have been replaced in the sanctuary.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE:** Committee will be meeting May 12. \$250 profit was realized from the opera fudge sale. Hershey Park is once again allowing church members to volunteer with the earnings going directly to the church. Anyone interested should contact Phil Feather.

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:** The pastor shared that we can target 700 of the neighbors closest to our church with mailings for \$125. The committee is considering several mailings a year to welcome our neighbors to the church. They are working on the stewardship campaign for the fall.

**WORSHIP AND WITNESS COMMITTEE:** No report.

**HOSPITALITY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** The Easter egg hunt went well, with approximately 100 children attending. Some attendees completed registration forms, and cards welcoming them to summer children's church will be sent to them. The theme for this year is Weird Animals. This will also be the theme for the Memorial Day float. The committee is working on the "welcome wall" for the lounge. The elevator dedication once again had to be put on hold.

**PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS:** John Gible indicated that he has met with Marlene. They would like to get a job description for the Pastor, to determine what our expectations are. John also indicated there are new child abuse laws regarding mandated clearances for all those working with children. He will look further into this matter.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** John Gible indicated he has had mostly positive feedback from the focus groups, and several people have volunteered to serve on the committee which will be meeting May 19 at 7:00.

NEW BUSINESS: Donations will be taken to show our appreciation to Garrett for his service. Georgia Hemperly will prepare paper slips to hand out with the bulletins on Sunday. Discussion was held regarding what is being done to keep non-attendees from parking on our lot on Sundays. The Pastor indicated that notes are being placed on the cars asking them to park elsewhere on Sunday mornings. The Lebanon Association is holding a picnic for all UCC church members from Lebanon County on July 20 at South Hills Park. Hot dogs will be provided, with guests bringing whatever else they wish.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 and concluded with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Wolfe  
Consistory Secretary