

CHRIST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CONSISTORY MEETING
January 14, 2016, 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Pastor Don Mason, Georgia Hemperly, Amanda Smith, Stacey Bernardo, Howard Bixler, Sharon Riganati, Judy Barchet, Ruth Troxell, Dave Troxell, Carl Graybill, JR Hemperly, Doug Snyder, Logan Keaton, Marlene Hinkle, Jean Rhine
ABSENT: John Gibble, Alice Gibble

The meeting was called to order by President Georgia Hemperly and opened with a devotion and prayer by Pastor Don Mason.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND ACCEPTED TO AMEND DECEMBER MINUTES TO CORRECT FROM SHARON RIGANATI TO JUDY BARCHET UNDER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A MOTION WAS MADE AND ACCEPTED TO AMEND DECEMBER MINUTES TO SAY BUDGET WAS APPROVED TO SUBMIT TO CONGREGATION AT ANNUAL MEETING

CONGREGATION SPEAKS: No Report

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Don provided detail report and activity log for month of December 2015 and also a detail report for the year of 2015. Pastor Don traveled a total of 2551 miles on church business in 2015 and did not ask for any reimbursement. A podcast is available for website from the 1/10/16 program that was held. Pastor Don and some others attended Ezekiel Project meeting 1/10/16 – working on setting up some kind of community invitational event such as bike/internet safety program with lunch and workshops. During lent acolytes will be in church during service and will handle collection plates and also light candles for each person named during the prayer concerns. Pastor Don attended town meeting on UCC restructure meeting: they are increasing staff to help healthy churches become healthier. A new conference minister and two associate conference ministers to be hired by June 2016. A meeting/training session will be set up for all greeters.

TREASURER REPORT: Howard Bixler reported things are all up to date and paid for 2015. Finances are in better shape than they have been the past 2 years.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Dave Troxell reported \$1180.00 has been received from the affordable care for health insurance rebates. Electronic giving is off to a good start, for January about 1/4 of giving is set up electronically. Anyone needing any info on electronic giving can see Dave Troxell. New copier is to arrive next week – this will save between \$30 – 70.00 / month. All taxes are paid for 2015 and forms have all been sent to all employees.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND APPROVED TO ACCEPT ABOVE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Judy Barchet presented 2016 nominating committee report listing all positions have been filled.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Carl Graybill reported the staff all appreciated their Christmas gifts. Water cooler that didn't work was removed and hallway is to be painted.

YOUTH DELEGATE: On 1/19/16 youth will have bingo at LV home. 2/12/16 youth are going to Paramount Sports.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: JR Hemperly reported heat in narthex bathroom is now fixed. Clocks were off on the thermostats and are now fixed. Once cold weather is over a shut off valve will be put over at organ pit for when it gets too hot. Light was replaced in Evergreen Cemetery. Michele Sinadinos is working on interior signs for around church. JR will be inviting CJ Diiner from Ephrata to February consistory meeting to give proposal for different things around the church that need fixed.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE: Jean Rhine said there will be a meeting set up to update a few things such as a system for prayer chain. Visitation committee had a meeting on 1/10/16 and updated visitor list. Opera fudge will be sold on 2/21/16. Chicken BBQ is scheduled for 8/6/16. Amanda Smith is working on brochure and pew cards. A soup sale is scheduled for March 18 & 19th.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: No Report

WORSHIP AND WITNESS COMMITTEE: Sharon Riganati reported there was a meeting on 1/13/16 where they discussed acolyte duties and feedback on silent prayers/confessions where Jodi plays soft music during this time. Next meeting to be held 2/17/16.

HOSPITALITY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Ruth Troxell reported Gloria Wentling would like a meeting with all nursery volunteers on Sunday 1/17/16 after service. Ruth and Beth Keaton selected Cave Quest for children's summer program – possible trip to Indian Echo Caverns.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Marlene Hinkle reported that due to John Gibble's teaching schedule she will be attending consistory on his behalf.

CARL GRAYBILL MOVED THAT THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING BE MOVED FROM 1/25/16 TO 2/21/16, HOWARD BIXLER SECONDED AND MOTION CARRIED

CARL GRAYBILL MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO BY-LAWS COMMITTEE THAT ANNUAL MEETING IN FUTURE BE HELD THE 2ND SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY, JUDY BARCHET SECONDED AND MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS: DAVE TROXELL MOVED TO OPEN UP FOR DISCUSSION THE OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT, CARL GRAYBILL SECONDED AND MOTION CARRIED.

After much debate:

CARL GRAYBILL MOVED TO HAVE ONA ISSUE PUT ON AGENDA FOR JANUARY 2017 CONSISTORY MEETING SO IT CAN BE PLACED ON AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 2017 CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING, MARLENE HINKLE SECONDED AND MOTION CARRIED

CARL GRAYBILL MOVED TO CLOSE DEBATE ON ONA, JR HEMPERLY SECONDED AND MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

A MOTION WAS MADE AND APPROVED TO ALLOW USE OF UNDERCROFT FOR 2/16/15 FOR LEBANON ASSOCIATION UCC MINISTERIUM MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm and concluded with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Bernardo
Consistory Secretary