

CHRIST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
CONSISTORY MEETING  
February 12, 2015

PRESENT: Pastor Don Mason, Georgia Hemperly, Amanda Smith, Stacey Bernardo, Howard Bixler, Sharon Riganati, Ruth Troxell, Dave Troxell, Jean Rhine, John Gible, Carl Graybill, Michele Sinadinos,

ABSENT: Judy Barchet, Alice Gible, Doug Snyder, Logan Keaton

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

CONGREGATION SPEAKS:

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor passed out written report to consistory with revised graphic report to include the item "Fellowship" which will include items such as movie nights, Celebration etc. Pastor had 22 hospital visits in January and 2 funerals. Pastor had a few more meetings than usual but said they were very valuable. Pastor is concerned that since 8am service was eliminated those who attended that service have not been as regular in attending 10:15 service and that will continue until we return to providing 8 am service. As of March 1<sup>st</sup> he would like to return to the 8/10:15 worship schedule with the exception of some "Special Sundays." He has not had time available to implement Sermon Feedback and Lectionary questions/discussions however with new website up and running CCUCC.org will consider implementing as an on-line blog. Pastor gave a list of some upcoming events. Discussed LebCoVOAD which is a Lebanon County disaster organization – \$25 affiliation fee. Discussed Vitality Academy flyer but may not be a good time for that. Passed out flyer on Growing Stronger Churches workshops which is on Saturday March 14, 2015 9:30am – 2:00 pm. \$10 per person or \$25 for up to 3 from church. Pastor would like some people to consider going to this – he is going to attend. Received an email from Penn Central Conference including a Self Study questionnaire that is to be filled out by all consistory members and submitted online. Pastor mentioned he received a number of thank you notes/cards from different organizations and discussed how to share so all congregation can see them. John Gible brought up about evaluating the surveys that were completed by parishioners on what they did and didn't like with some changes that were made in January during service. Pastor working on finding a date and time to go over surveys. Healing service from 2/8/15 was discussed and how many enjoyed it and had some positive healing since – Pastor possibly to have them quarterly. Pastor Don passed out contact information for consistory members and consistory made necessary corrections to any incorrect data.

A motion was accepted to pay the \$25 affiliation fee for LebCoVOAD.

SECRETARY REPORT: Reports for January meeting and Annual meeting were approved as written.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Treasurer presented a profit and loss report for January. Discussed monthly cost of insurance on church and about looking into getting that looked at.

The Finance chairman talked about envelope giving the past 5 years and how it has gone down each year but 2014 had rebounded some and is starting to go in right direction. Discussed he is filling out paperwork for affordable healthcare act to have some money reimbursed from Pastor Don's family insurance. If it all goes well could go back to 2009 and recoup money. Payroll is being done in-house now and is going well. State and federal taxes were paid and went smoothly. Check was received from Fulton Bank for the Kettering Estate – money will be used to close out last year and start clean. CCUCC.ORG is up and running. You can go to website using smartphone.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Dave Troxell told of upcoming soup sale to be held on March 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> since Judy was not at meeting.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** No Report

**YOUTH DELEGATE:** Logan was not present – Pastor said there will be a dedication of the space outside (scout project) that was done at the early service on Easter Sunday since it is being held outside.

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE:** Michele said rental property 106 will be available March 1, 2015. There is a prospective tenant. Michele is going to contact realtor to have her do credit check etc. Also is going to check with realtor on what current rental rates are to see if any changes should be made. Ruth and Michele are going to review insurance policy and see what can be done to possibly lower rate. Michele discussed expansion tank on furnace has some rust spots that will need to be looked at, tank options and options to switching to gas. She is checking with Met-Ed about if we are eligible for tax credits.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE:** Jean said there will be an opera fudge sale on February 22<sup>nd</sup> same price. They will be having Chicken BBQ sale this year on August 1<sup>st</sup> going to still use Kauffman's but putting price back to \$7.50. Pat Chadwick has some shawls that need to be blessed. Updated directory is in the works and should be done sometime in summer, directory will be put on website and password protected – for those who don't have internet there will be a few hard copies printed. Discussed visitation committee being re-organized Pastor Don is in charge. Working on setting up where visitation people will take communion to shut-ins at different times of the year. Pastor Don will still continue to take communion twice / year to shut-ins but can't take to all himself each time - it is too much - hoping to start sometime after Easter. Envelopes that haven't been picked up will need to be mailed out. Jean discussed making Christmas ornaments to sell.

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:** No Report

WORSHIP AND WITNESS COMMITTEE: Sharon discussed Easter sunrise service will be held at 6:45 am outside everyone is to bring their own lawn chairs.

HOSPITALITY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Ruth said carpet will be replaced February 19 & 20<sup>th</sup> in two rooms and hallways upstairs. She is meeting with Beth to select summer children's program theme. Celebration was rescheduled to April 18 – same theme. Celebration in the future will most likely be in spring instead of winter months to avoid bad weather. Considering changing future annual meetings to a luncheon first then meeting held afterward in undercroft. Ruth discussed clearances needed under the new child protection law – she is going to get in touch with those that need these.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE: John discussed the report Pastor has been doing and distributing to consistory the past few months and how that is appreciated.

RENEWAL TASK FORCE: John talked about website that is now up, Dave Troxell took care of setting up and it is looking great – Thanks Dave! Discussed Lenten's supper / discussions and is working on getting flyer out to public. Would like to have a congregational retreat in October, a Friday into Saturday – need committee for this. John discussed concern about needing more people to get involved with things so that some of the ideas that were recommended to and by renewal task force can start to be put into play. Discussed a welcome packet being put together and who takes care of contacting and following up with guests when they visit the church and sign guest book.

A motion was made to accept above reports and was approved.

OLD BUSINESS: A small committee is needed to revise by-laws. Mandy questioned sound system. Pastor Don said \$3-4,000 is needed to do some updates to system. Tech committee to work on this.

A motion was made and approved to appoint Shirley Wolfe to Financial Secretary and Richard Graybill to Assistant Treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS: There is a baptism this Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made and approved for Baptism. Carl discussed concern over no one following up when someone visits church and a procedure needs to be put in place. Jean going to meet with congregational care to discuss this matter.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Bernardo  
Consistory Secretary