

CHRIST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

CONSISTORY MEETING

April 9, 2015 6:30 pm

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

ABSENT: Doug Snyder, Logan Keaton

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

CONGREGATION SPEAKS: Garrett Book presented a letter to consistory asking for a recommendation to the Lebanon Association to receive Garrett Book as a Student in Care. Consistory will provide a letter of recommendation to Rick Luciotti and a copy to Garrett.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Don presented a Pastoral care report to consistory for the months of February and March 2015. Gave the following list of Sundays that he will be away: June 7 - Garrett Book will provide worship, June 14 – Kevin Biddle will provide worship, June 28 - Johnny Lenge will provide worship. Provided update on his health – he will be having a catheter ablation at Harrisburg Hospital and this will hopefully help him to start feeling much better. Pastor has a splint on wrist now to help with pain and healing process.

SECRETARY REPORT: There was a correction of spelling of a name. A motion was made and report was approved as amended.

TREASURER REPORT: Howard Bixler and Dave Troxell will be meeting with Jonestown Bank & Trust to discuss endowment fund and how it is doing, also Parsonage fund which is currently in a CD. Willie called Comcast to discuss bill which fluctuates – is checking to see if UCC as a group can get a discount – has not gotten an answer as of yet. Some finances will be used to fix up 106 property before it can be rented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: There will be a meeting on April 23 at 7:00 with the finance committee. Checking into and discussing setting up online giving.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: No Report

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Carl Graybill said personnel evaluations will be done sometime this spring.

YOUTH DELEGATE: No Report

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Michele Sinadinos has resigned from her position as property committee chair; she has too much going on at work right now. She said she will stay on through June and will finish any projects she started. Some consistory members met at property 106 before tonight's meeting and walked through to see different things that need fixed up before being rented out again. There will be an open house on April 13 on 106 property. Concrete work that needs done will cost a little under \$1000.00, contractor waiting for weather to warm up to start. Amanda Smith said she has some leftover linoleum at her house she is willing to donate to church to replace in 106 property. Rental property is under contract to Joni at Brownstone first month rent of \$650 will go to her and \$650 to church for security deposit. Discussed water fountains in church and replacing basement one with the one taken out from upstairs. Property 108 bounced 2 checks, Michele sent letter to tenant letting them know about \$50 charge for bounced checks and also that she will need prior approval for anything she buys for property and wants reimbursed for. Discussed smoke detectors and fire extinguishers for properties and what is required. Met with new insurance agent – need to compare policies to make sure church is covered for everything it needs – then need to decide to stay with current provider or switch to new insurance provider. Willie discussed using parsonage fund to possibly replace/upgrade furnace – Michele is going to get quotes. There is a significant pothole in alley near elevator entrance – Mandy is going to contact township to see about getting it fixed.

A motion was made by Michele Sinadinos and seconded by Carl Graybill to spend \$1800.00 from maintenance endowment to fix concrete steps and spouting. Motion was approved.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE: There will be a visitation committee meeting after church on April 12th – Jean Rhine to show the communion kits to everyone and have a signup sheet for taking communion to shut-ins. The next communion is May 24, 2015. Jean will have Elsie update directory with any changes.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: No Report

WORSHIP AND WITNESS COMMITTEE: No Report

HOSPITALITY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Ruth Troxell reported the egg hunt was successful with lots of kids – has the name and phone numbers of those who filled out survey. Children's summer program this year is Everest. Graybills will be doing float for parade. 16 people submitted applications for the new child abuse clearances – have till July 1st to be handed in by anyone who works with children in the church. Need to have a meeting with people on the new regulations. Michele recommended posting guidelines in the nursery so everyone is aware of what to do and not to do. Library upstairs is being put back together April 14th at 6:30 – there is a lot of books, need to decide what to keep and what can be gotten rid of. Celebration will be Saturday April 18th at 5:30 – bring a friend for fun, food & fellowship.

Celebration will be April 19th at 3:00 Prescott Banquet Hall \$20.00 a person – anyone who serves the church is welcome.

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE: No Report

RENEWAL TASK FORCE: John Gible said next renewal task force meeting will be the last. Will forward to consistory a list of all recommendations and is then up to consistory to go ahead with things.

Motion was made by Howard Bixler and seconded by Dave Troxell to accept above reports. Reports approved

OLD BUSINESS: Mandy discussed amount of grape juice vs. wine for choir during communion. Will have 2 center rings grape juice and outer ring wine in future.

NEW BUSINESS: Willie discussed the temperature in the church fluctuates depending on where you sit – going to try turning off thermostat ½ hour earlier to see if that helps. Georgia discussed having some new policies put in place – going to have a sub-committee set up to address this. The hamboat roll supplier Bimbo is requesting an application be set up for payment, Georgia checking to see if they accept credit cards. Relay for life submitted a building utilization application for June 14th for bingo.

Motion was made by Howard Bixler and seconded by Carl Graybill to complete application for Bimbo to supply rolls for hamboats. Motion approved

Motion was made by Amanda Smith and seconded by Dave Troxell to approve Relay for life to use building for bingo on June 14, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm and concluded with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Bernardo
Consistory Secretary