

St. Paul's United Church of Christ Amityville

Consistory Minutes for July 7, 2010

Consistory met at the parsonage on Wednesday, July 7, 2010. Those present were President Barry Kulakowsky, Pastor Steven Simpson, Shelby Laney, Pete Dadey, Bette Mooney, Sharon Fizz, Barbara Kulakowsky, Jerry Fizz, Tom Reitz, Sue Wunderlich, Kelly Yanos, Keith Berry, Kathy Weller, Donna Pennypacker, Karen Spotts, Anita Zuber, and Mahlon Boyer. Billy Harrison, Norma Jean Rogers, Marlene Dadey, Priscilla Knerr, and Pete Kunsch were excused.

After a meal, President Barry Kulakowsky called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM and began by leading the devotions.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Steven distributed written copies of his work report for the month of June. He highlighted a few items. He began by commenting on his emphases in June. Vacation Bible School was a success; he attended a seminar on stewardship; he learned a lot about the cemetery and broadened his understanding of the church's heritage. Pastor Steven reported that he will not be preaching on August 15 (Naomi Dublanica preaching) and on September 5 (Kerry Kuhn preaching). He closed his report by announcing a special speaker on August 8, 2010. Ken Needham from Hawaii will be preaching. The Missions committee will finance this event.

President's Report: President Barry Kulakowsky began by saying that he had received a call from a family who has been attending our church when they are in the area. They have also been contributing financially. Their concern was that they weren't doing enough. (This was after they had read the message in the newsletter that Barry had written. The remarkable thing about this is this family does not belong to the church. Barry was touched by their concerns since many members have yet to respond to the letters that were sent to them about their membership.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Tom Reitz to accept the June minutes. It was seconded by Kelly Yanos. Motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: Pete reported that the June revenue was \$22,500 and the expenses for the month were \$32,722. This leaves a deficit of \$10,222 for the month. Pete went on to report that for the year-to-date the revenue is \$185,824 and the expenses are \$211,460. This leaves us with a deficit of \$25,636. Pete clarified the fund balance by pointing out that the balance for the capital fund is on paper only. There is no separate fund. He also said that at the present time the actual funds available total \$53,000.

Kelly Yanos, chair of Budget and Finance, said that at a recent meeting of the committee it was determined that the financial reports are hard to read, so from now on the reports will be more meaningful. All checks that are run in the month will be

displayed. President Barry Kulakowsky pointed out that some churches document all their financial totals in their bulletins.

Worship: Bette Mooney, chair, reported that Chelsea Hickey presented plans for a contemporary service to the committee. She promised more fully developed plans by July 26th. Grape juice for communion will go back to all one color.

President Barry Kulakowsky thanked Bette for the great steeple article she wrote for the newsletter.

Christian Education: No report.

Evangelism: No report.

Facilities: No report.

Stewardship: No report.

Youth: No report.

Budget and Finance: Kelly Yanos, chair, said that her committee had focused on two major topics at their last meeting – the steeple and the deficit. A suggestion was made to think about establishing a Capital Committee. She said that borrowing from the Endowment Fund is a bad idea, but using any undesignated memorial funds is a possibility. Kelly went on to say that if the CD is cashed in, a crisis mode will be entered. She encouraged everyone to talk up and support the After School Program because this would be a good source of income. The committee will be displaying some kind of visual to depict the financial status of St. Paul's. Kelly concluded by suggesting fund raiser called "Treasures from the Heart". Items would be brought in to be sold and all money would go to the steeple fund.

Church and Ministry: Shelby Laney, chair, asked for any volunteers willing to sign up to help lockup the church.

Fellowship: No report.

Missions: Tom Reitz reported that the response to Soles for Souls brought in 300 pairs of shoes.

Property Use Policy: No report.

Deacons and Elders: No report.

New Business: Vice-President Jerry Fizz said that Curt Clifford had contacted him about a training program for use of the defibrillators being offered by the Exeter fire company. The cost is \$80 per person, for 4 people. The matter will be looked into and a notice for volunteers will be put in the bulletin.

President Barry Kulakowsky thanked Pastor Steven and Shannon for hosting the evening.

The next meeting will be August 11, 2010.

Pastor Steven closed with prayer.

The meeting was adjourned on a Tom Reitz / Judy Reitz motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelby J. Laney