

## St. Paul's United Church of Christ Amityville

### Consistory Minutes for June 2, 2010

Consistory met on Wednesday, June 2, 2010. Those present were President Barry Kulakowsky, Pastor Steven Simpson, Shelby Laney, Pete Dadey, Bette Mooney, Marlene Dadey, Sharon Fizz, Barbara Kulakowsky, Jerry Fizz, Connie Walter, Tom Reitz, Priscilla Knerr, Sue Wunderlich, Kelly Yanos, Pete Kunsch, Keith Berry, Kathy Weller, Donna Pennypacker, and Karen Spotts. Mahlon Boyer, Billy Harrison, Norma Jean Rogers, and Anita Zuber were excused.

President Barry Kulakowsky called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Devotions were led by Deacon Pete Kunsch.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Steven distributed written copies of his work report for the month of May. He pointed out that his report was divided into the sections of Church Life, Wider Church and Community Involvement, Pastoral Ministry, and Emphases in the month. May's emphases were confirmation, visitation, and stewardship. Pastor Steven announced that Russ Mittman, Conference Minister, will be meeting with the Consistory and him for a check-in of his first year of ministry at St. Paul's. Pastor Steven closed by inviting everyone to the July Consistory meeting at the parsonage on July 7 at 6 PM.

**President's Report:** President Barry Kulakowsky began by changing the date of the August Consistory meeting to August 11, 2010. He gave an update on the progress of Erik Zuber. President Kulakowsky brought up the idea of putting financial updates in the weekly bulletins. It was agreed to start that in the next couple of weeks. President Kulakowsky reported that he and Vice-President Jerry Fizz had met with Pastor Simpson to discuss positives and concerns. He said it was a very good meeting. President Kulakowsky continued his report with feedback on the idea of starting a paper recycling project here at the church. He got the information off the website and asked for volunteers to undertake initiating the program. He closed his report by asking that members print out the minutes and agenda prior to the meetings.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made by Tom Reitz to accept the May minutes. It was seconded by Priscilla Knerr. Motion was carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pete reported that the May revenue was \$35,418 and the expenses for the month were \$23,438. This leaves a surplus of \$11,979 for the month. Pete went on to report that for the year-to-date the revenue is \$162,323 and the expenses are \$178,737. This leaves us with a 5 month deficit of \$16,414.

**Worship:** Bette Mooney, chair, said that the next meeting of the Worship committee will be June 29, 2010. She reported that a proposal for a contemporary service will be presented at that meeting by Ms. Hickey and Ms. Fake.

**Christian Education:** Marlene Dadey , Director of Christian Education, distributed copies of her report for May and highlighted the upcoming events of June 6 (end-of-year celebration),and Vacation Bible School ( June21–25). She said that so far 131 children have registered and that all staff is in place. Marlene went on to say that the confirmation ceremonies went very well and she personally thanked Pastor Steven for all his work. She said that summer confirmation classes will be offered for making up missed classes. The After–School Program has been named SPLASH (St. Paul’s Links After School Hours). Although no one attended the first open house, the committee has met and is working on more extensive advertising. Mahlon Boyer notified Marlene that state compliance is needed for the program. As a result, Marlene will be attending an orientation session in Philadelphia to pursue this certification. Marlene also added that changes in St. Paul’s certification for building usage will also be needed in Amity Township.

**Evangelism:** Barbara Kulakowsky, co–chair, announced that the committee has ordered a banner announcing the times for summer worship. The committee has also been working on checking the proofs and making corrections for the church directory. Plans for the Community Days are also being developed. Sharon Fizz, co–chair, circulated a sign–up sheet for Greeters.

**Facilities:** Keith Barry, chairman, reported that little progress has been made on the steeple project but the bids are in and the issue is being discussed. The defibulators have been installed and Dr. Harrison will be setting up training classes for their usage. Research on the Electricity Choice Program continues. Keith announced that Charlie Miller has ordered flags for the FLMC and for the sanctuary through the Patriot Sons of America. There will be a ceremony to present them. Keith said that after meeting with the Home Association it was agreed that all repairs to the parsonage will fall under the auspices of the Facilities committee. Keith ended by saying that all thermostats will be set to be consistent.

**Stewardship:** Karen Spotts , co–chair, stated that Sharon Hussar had been a guest at their meeting to discuss holding a workshop on personal finance for St. Paul’s members and the community. She went on to say that July 25 is the goal date to send out campaign letters to all church members to promote stewardship.

**Youth:** Chair Priscilla Knerr had no report other than to say the youth will be sponsoring the Opportunity House dinner on June 4.

**Budget and Finance:** Kelly Yanos, chair, reported that National Penn Bank will be our choice for the automated giving plan.

**Church and Ministry:** Shelby Laney, chair, reported that the committee met in May and will meet again in June to discuss current issues.

**Fellowship:** Connie Walter, chair, said that all is well in the Fellowship department,.

**Missions:** Tom Reitz reported that the response to Soles for Souls was terrific and yielded 200 pairs of shoes. The original source for the shipping charges was no longer available, but another avenue for shipping was found. Tom also reported that the web page (for Missions) is being updated.

**Property Use Policy:** Sue Wunderlich reported that the facilities have been very busy.

**Deacons:** Tom Reitz, reporting on behalf of Judy Reitz, said that the summer usher captain schedule has been completed and that devotions for August will be led by Billy Harrison.

**Elders:** Letters sent by the Spiritual Council numbered 117 and as of yet 43 postcards have been returned. Some wanted to be contacted while others withdrew or asked to be put on an inactive list. The question was asked – What do we do about ones who didn't reply? A brief discussion followed. Those who could make personal contact would do so, but no further mail will go out and envelopes will not be ordered for those people.

**Old Business:** Kelly Yanos asked why Allison Fake was refused the Guldin Trust. President Barry Kulakowsky answered by stating that she was not eligible because she had not been an active member of the church for 3 years.

Marlene presented the changes to the Volunteer Application forms. The changes were simply changes in some of the wording.

Marlene also presented the Safe Church Policy changes. For Sunday School it is required to have 2 adults in every classroom. This was changed for Vacation Bible School and the After School Program. – **During Vacation Bible School a minimum of one adult with safe church clearances and two helpers will be present in every classroom, except in the event of an emergency. During the After School Program a minimum of one adult with safe church clearances will be present in each of the rooms being utilized. If only one room is utilized a minimum of two adults with safe church clearances will be present in the room.**

Marlene also presented the Rest Room Use Policy. The wording on Item 5 was discussed. A motion was made by Tom Reitz and seconded by Kelly Yanos to let the wording stand. The motion was defeated!

A motion was made by Kelly Yanos to change the wording to – **For the protection of our volunteers it would be wise for men to avoid assisting children in the rest room whenever possible.** Connie Walter seconded the motion. It passed with a few nays. Karen Spotts then made a motion to add – **Only women should assist boys and girls, ages 6 or under, in the rest room.** Donna Pennypacker seconded the motion. Motion passed with one nay.

Bette Mooney asked if the outside of the chapel will be painted. Keith Berry, Facilities chair, said that the steeple was painted but the rest is on the list of things to be done.

Connie Walter asked if work parties could be set up to do some of the necessary repairs. Keith said he would bring it up at the next Facilities meeting.

**New Business:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59PM. on a Kathy Weller / Barbara Kulakowsky motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelby J. Laney