

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

## Consistory Minutes

January 4, 2012

Newly elected President Marianne Reinert called the meeting to order at 7PM and members recited the mission statement. Members attending were Gail Clifford, Pete Dadey, Pastor Steven Simpson, Shelby Laney, Diane Kopec, Chad Everett, Anita Zuber, Marlene Dadey, Barbara Kulakowsky, Barry Kulakowsky (attending as a rep for the Facilities committee), Connie Walter, Linda Levensgood, Bette Mooney, Priscilla Knerr, Linda Sheerin, Rick Davidson, Pete Kunsch, Kathy Weller, and Judy Reitz.

Devotions were led by Chad Everett.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Steven welcomed Marianne as the new president and the new members of Consistory. Pastor Steven then commented on his written work report for December. He added comments about the signage committee and said that the new sign is a way to welcome and reach out to the community.

**President's Report:** President Reinert sent around a list of Consistory members so that each member could verify the accuracy of the information. She requested that committee chairs inform the secretary of any written reports beforehand. President Reinert stated that she is trying a new routine of placing all motions at the end of the meeting under new business. If given the information ahead of time she can put them on the agenda. Another request made by President Reinert was to have the Budget and Finance committee review the moratorium on spending and make a recommendation at the next meeting.

**Secretary's Report:** The December minutes were approved on a Chad Everett/Kathy Weller motion.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Pete Dadey distributed a sheet explaining the sections of the Balance Sheet presented every month. He reported that the revenue for December was \$36,711 and the expenses were \$25,039. This leaves a surplus of \$11,671 for the month. For the 12-month period the revenue was \$402,638 and the expenses were \$383,234. This leaves a surplus of \$19,404 for the year. Pete pointed out that this is a great improvement over the past two years and said again that the moratorium on spending should be continued. Pete continued his report by going through the Balance Sheet. It was also noted at this time that the financial secretary, Lisa Ricci, has changed her hours to Wednesday.

**Budget and Finance:** Diane Kopec, chair, said that the committee will meet on January 16<sup>th</sup> and will review everything suggested in the President's report.

**Christian Education:** Marlene Dadey, Director of Christian Education, commented on her written work report for December.

**Church and Ministry:** No report.

**Evangelism:** Barbara Kulakowsky, co-chair, stated that her committee will be meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> and a new members class will be starting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Facilities:** Representative Barry Kulakowsky reported that repairs are being done on the downstairs bathroom, railings are being painted, and parsonage concerns are being addressed by the committee. He went on to say that all keys will be stamped and that an accurate and updated list for people holding keys is being made and will be maintained. Barry also reported that a person is needed to lock up the church on weekends. There is still no chair for Facilities but the committee will be meeting the third Thursday of each month. As a result, Facilities has no vote in the Consistory meetings.

**Fellowship:** No report.

**Missions:** Co-chair Linda Levengood said that the Wish Tree was well received and the gloves on the tree will go to Opportunity House this month. Missions will meet in the last week of January. Linda also mentioned that the tarps were put on the house of the person in need. In the discussion that followed it was pointed out that there was money in the budget so the email agreements done by the Consistory members was okay this time, but should not become a trend. Gail Clifford, Vice-President, pointed out that even though we show a surplus, that money is really borrowed money to be put back into other funds.

**Stewardship:** No report.

**Worship:** Bette Mooney, chair, said that the Christmas service ran smoothly and the committee will be meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Youth Ministry:** Priscilla Knerr, chair, reported on youth activities. Both groups had a Christmas party. Also, a profit of \$270 was made on the potato bar and a profit of \$250 was made on the babysitting service provided by the youth. The caroling was well attended and the next event is a Souper Bowl Sunday hoagie sale.

**Deacons and Elders:** Devotions next month will be led by Rick Davidson.

**Old Business:** Marlene Dadey reported that so far \$60,370 has been pledged for the Steeple Campaign. At this time, \$29,600 has already been given.

President Reinert brought up the topic of the PUP (Property Use Policy) Committee and stated that the PUP committee currently is made up of deacons and elders, but has not been active in the last year. A consideration should be made about the best way to support Kelly Yanos and Sue Wunderlich in their roles of booking the facilities. Contact will be made to Sue Mceklosky to help put this in place. A further suggestion was made to have the makeup of the PUP committee include representatives of several committees. President Reinert will follow up with Kelly about what suits her needs.

**New Business:** Rep Barry Kulakowsky gave a “heads-up” that the Facilities committee has a lengthy list of needs for the facility and will be presenting them at future meetings.

The following motions were made and approved:

- Judy Reitz/Connie Walter : Move to release \$190 for clearances and supplies for Christian Education.
- Linda Sheerin/ Linda Levengood: Move to reimburse \$200 to Marlene Dadey for computer repairs. After a brief discussion it was agreed to fund this from the computer expenses.
- Shelby Laney/Diane Kopec: Move to pay \$99.85 for one year subscription to Church Art Online from office supplies.
- Shelby Laney/ Rick Davidson: Move to release \$121 to pay for ink cartridges, envelopes and paper from office supplies.

Marlene reported that the SPLASH program is functioning successfully on volunteers.

Marlene was thanked for her diligence in obtaining nursery helpers for the Christmas Eve services. Marlene commented that this might not be necessary next year.

President Reinert made a request on behalf of the Gulden Trust. Chairmen are asked to consult their committees and come up with a list of possible activities for applicant of the Gulden Trust. These lists should be submitted at the February meeting.

A note was made that the March and April Consistory meetings will be on Tuesdays.

Marlene reminded Consistory members to submit \$2 for the month for the World Vision child.

Pastor Steven pointed out the potential conferences posted on his work report and reminded everyone of the upcoming Pork and Sauerkraut dinner. He also reminded everyone of the installation services this Sunday.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM on a motion made by Diane Kopec and seconded by Connie Walter.

Respectfully submitted by,

Shelby J. Laney

Secretary