

Official Board Minutes
United Church of Christ (Congregational)
January 26, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Kim McKenzie at 7:02 p.m. and Pastor Becky led the group in prayer. Present were:

Denise Bell	Madison Bell	Ted Bickley	Natalie Daniels	Barb Fraunfelder
Sharon Heinrich	Sally Herzog	Irene Joyce	Pam Keenen	Kim McKenzie
Kenn Oerkfitz	Gary Paul	Jack Stephenson	Rev. R. Stephenson	Rachel Zielinski

Minutes of the 1/6/16 meeting were approved with a motion by Natalie Daniels, seconded by Rachel Zielinski. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report as of 1/26/16: Balance of \$3,446.94. Income: No activity since last meeting. Disbursements: No activity since last meeting. Irene Joyce moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Rachel Zielinski. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advertising Committee: Jack Stephenson reported he and Ginny Deangelo are putting together a slide show of 2015 in review to be shown at the Annual Meeting. They will be placing ads for Holy Week/Easter worship in local newspapers. They would like to move the three Lent crosses closer to Pearl Road for better visibility. Also, they plan to utilize the Chamber of Commerce sign on the corner of Routes 42 & 82 to advertise events, since our church is a member.

Christian Education Committee/Youth: Pastor Becky reported that a new Journey in Faith class has begun.

Church Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Barb Fraunfelder reported that she is now distributing end-of-the-year giving statements. Kenn Oerkfitz reported that the church's finances are in the black presently. Some money will be moved to the savings account (actually a checking account because of fees).

Dinners: Betty Craig sent a report that the Swiss Steak Dinner is Saturday, February 6th. Volunteers are asked to sign up to prepare, serve, and clean up. \$266.75 will be donated to the Free Lunch Program, which is 10% of the profit from the Turkey Dinner ticket sales. Ted will write the check.

Diaconate: Denise Bell reported that preparations are underway for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter worship. The Diaconate will have a turn-over in members and will reorganize their committees next month. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Wing Night at Sidelines in Brunswick on Friday, May 6th.

Mission Outreach/KFC: They are collecting canned soup through February 7th for "Souper Bowl Sunday." The Sunday School kids made posters advertising the soup drive.

Music Committee: Pam Keenen reported that the music room is being cleaned up and organized.

Organ Restoration Committee: Pam Keenen reported that the next Pancake Breakfasts is April 24th.

Strategic Planning: No report.

Stewardship Committee: Natalie Daniels reported that 76 pledge cards have been received to date; end of the campaign is February 7th. Natalie can no longer serve as chair of this committee, so they will select another after new officers are installed. Their committee is also exploring the idea of joint meetings with the Trustees.

Sunday School: Irene Joyce reported that a combined class will be taught on Retreat Sunday. The Sunday School will have a Box Lunch Auction on Rally Day if there is one blended service on that day to facilitate the event. Charles Jannsohn agreed to emcee. Denise will bring the suggestion of one service on September 11th to the Diaconate.

Thrift Shop: Lola Millhoane sent a report that bag sales are coming soon to make room for spring merchandise. The check for \$15,000 for parking lot repairs has been given to the Trustees.

Trustees: Rachel Zielinski and Gary Paul reported that the underwriting for the equity line of credit is almost complete. The Trustees voted to hire an architect to draw up plans for the ADA washroom for \$1,200. Employee evaluations are pending. The Trustees have a goal to continue to improve the appearance of the church.

Women's Fellowship: The ladies are on hiatus until March when they will make Easter candy for sale on the 6th and 13th. Next meeting will be April 6th.

Minister's Report: Pastor Becky reported that she is putting together Tent Revival and Yard Sale teams. Ash Wednesday is February 10th, beginning Lent and she will be establishing a Lenten program.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sally Herzog presented the changes to the church's constitution, which were reviewed and discussed. Also, the Audit Committee is almost finished with the church books and will be ready for the Annual Meeting. The auditors recommend that a mid-year review be conducted with the various treasurers so that they may see how the process works and be more motivated to follow procedures. The Nominating Committee needs 2 people to serve on the Mission/Outreach Committee and 3 to serve on Diaconate. Many thanks to Sally and her teams for working on all three of these important tasks.

Natalie Daniels has signed us up for a conference calling site and the 200th Anniversary Committee will test it.

Gina Gigliotti's Girl Scouts will have a Bake Sale at the Swiss Steak Dinner.

Kim McKenzie reviewed topics to be covered at the Annual Meeting. Sharon Heinrich will take the minutes for that meeting because our clerk, Karen Morgan, had to leave for Florida to attend to her mom who had been hit by a car.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rachel Zielinski moved that the Official Board recommend the search for and hiring of an Associate Pastor for Families and Youth. Sally Herzog seconded and the motion was approved.

The Annual Meeting Pancake Breakfast will be headed by Steve Herzog and his crew.

Sally Herzog motioned for adjournment at 8:48 p.m., seconded by Pam Keenen. Motion carried. The next regular meeting of the Official Board will be Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Irene Joyce, Secretary