**Official Board Minutes**

United Church of Christ (Congregational)

**April 26, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Kim McKenzie at 7:05 p.m. and Pastor Becky led the group in prayer. Present were:

Ted Bickley Betty Craig Barb Fraunfelder Sharon Heinrich

Sally Herzog Irene Joyce Kevin McKenzie Kim McKenzie

Jack Stephenson Rev. R. Stephenson Claire Wills Rachel Zielinski

**Minutes of the 3/29/16 meeting** were approved with a motion by Sally Herzog seconded by Betty Craig. Barb Fraunfelder clarified that there were two separate Easter offerings. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report as of 4/26/16**: Balance of $6,323.10. Income: $ .26 in interest. Disbursements: $112.63 for 10% of Roast Pork Dinner profit to the Wednesday Lunch Program; $25.94 for table coverings. Irene Joyce moved to accept the treasurer’s report, seconded by Betty Craig. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Advertising Committee**: Jack Stephenson reported that ads will advertise the Concert Series. A new panel with the summer worship time will be ordered and installed on the church’s front lawn sign. The committee discussed renting vs. building stage sections for the tent revival as well as the logistics of setting up the tent for summer events. Thanks to Jack for keeping the website current.

**Christian Education Committee/Youth**: A tentative meeting date of May 31st has been set. The search committee for the Associate Youth Pastor extended an offer for the position, but the candidate rejected it. The committee has been meeting to continue the search.

**Church Treasurer/Financial Secretary**: Barb Fraunfelder distributed detailed financial reports and answered questions. Kenn Oerkfitz sent a report that April is a big month for large expenses and requested emergency funds if needed. The Finance Committee has met and discussed pledges. They will meet again in June.

**Dinners:** Betty Craig reported that dinners are on hiatus until the Turkey Dinner in November. She asked that each group that uses the kitchen returns supplies and equipment to their proper locations. Please indicate if items are needed by using the list on the stainless steel refrigerator. Pastor Becky mentioned that we are trying to get away from styrofoam cups.

**Diaconate:** Denise Bell sent a report reminding everyone about the Wing Night on Friday, May 6th at Sidelines in Brunswick. Tickets are $20 each and Sunday, May 1st is the last day to purchase them. 73 have been sold as of the meeting date. On Sunday, June 5th, we will have one service at 10 a.m. each Sunday. Rita Root will speak on May 8th while Pastor Becky is away. Helpers are needed for coffee hour, ushers, greeters, and altar flowers.

**Mission Outreach/KFC:** They met on April 24th.

**Music Committee:** Pam Keenen sent a report that The Satori Winds, featuring guest vocalist Cindy Smith, will be featured on May 1st in the Strongsville U.C.C. Concert Series. Donations are requested for the reception afterward. Music volunteers will be honored on June 5th. Volunteers are needed to sign up for music in the summer.

**Organ Restoration Committee**: The ORC Pancake Breakfast on April 24th made $1,000. Thank you to everyone who supported the breakfast in any way. Carol Merkle won the 50/50 raffle.

**Strategic Planning:** The Strategic Planning Meeting on April 30th is postponed until May 21st due to the funeral of longtime member Barbara Stayrook.

**Stewardship Committee:** Linda Plain sent a report that Darla Wickline has agreed to co-chair, moving the meetings to Thursdays. They are working on getting the group together.

**Sunday School:** Irene Joyce reported that the kids will distribute carnations to the ladies of the church on Mother’s Day. A sign-up sheet will be posted for people to sign up to teach a lesson during the summer. A multi-age curriculum has been purchased. The Sunday School will sponsor a Box Lunch Auction on Rally Day, September 11th.

**Thrift Shop:** The Thrift Shop will reopen April 28th. The Thrift Shop’s 35th Anniversary will be celebrated on May 22nd during worship and with a reception following.

**Trustees**: Rachel Zielinski reported that the papers have been signed for the equity line of credit. The partition in the ladies’ restroom has been removed to create more space until the full remodel. Bids are being sought. Tree maintenance and removal is underway. The Pearl Road tenant has given notice, but will stay in May for $300, vacating thereafter. The property is in pretty good shape. The custodian will be on vacation for a couple of weeks in June, so the members of the Trustees will take turns filling in.

**Women's Fellowship:** Claire Wills reported that attendance has been poor and other meeting times may be considered. The next meeting will be May 4th at 10 a.m. They will be putting together tote bags for the Strongsville Food Bank and are collecting travel sized items.

**Minister’s Report:** Pastor Becky reported that we will have one worship at 10 a.m. in the summer. An Adult Education program may begin in the fall. The Pillar Society meeting will have to be rescheduled. There will be a meeting of the Tent Revival team on April 27th and of the Yard Sale team on May 4th, both at 7 p.m. Pastor Becky will be away from the pulpit July 25th – August 12th.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Folks have until July 15th to turn in recipes for the 200th Anniversary Cookbook. Sarah Hayes and Cathy Hawk have started taking photos for the Pictorial Directory. The 200th Anniversary Kick-Off will be celebrated on October 9th with a brunch. The committee will meet on May 7th.

The Trustees have volunteered collect donations for use of the parking lot during the Strongsville Rib Burn-Off June 16th – 18th and the Homecoming July 13th – 16th. Other groups are invited to participate. 50% of the money collected would go to the volunteering group, 25% to parking lot maintenance, and 25% to the Associate Minister for Youth & Families.

Kim will speak to Dale Hawk, Kelly Bickley, and/or Beth Giuliano regarding putting together a Night at the Races fundraiser.

Thanks to Betty Craig for cleaning the entry doors. Ed & Cheryl Sobek are planning to paint them soon.

The Spring into Fitness Program on Monday Nights has been very successful. The last session is May 23rd.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Rachel Zielinski has registered us for the Strongsville Homecoming Parade on July 13th. The theme is “75 & Strong!”

Sharon Heinrich moved to allot up to $300.00 to purchase plants for the church grounds. Betty Craig seconded and the motion was approved.

Betty Craig moved to allot up to $3,000.00 for the Operating Fund to use if needed to meet expenses in case of a shortfall. Irene Joyce seconded and the motion carried.

Rachel Zielinski moved to allot up to $100.00 for new cushions for the benches in the pre-school classroom adjacent to Pilgrim Hall. Betty Craig seconded and the motion passed.

Betty Craig motioned for adjournment at 8:29 p.m., seconded by Claire Wills. Motion carried. The next regular meeting of the Official Board will be Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Irene Joyce, Secretary