

## Consistory Minutes 3/13/23

**Present:** Judy Peters, Denise Melter, Thadd Huss, Darrell Ray, Mike Sondergeld, Mark Chapinski, Laura Miller, Lisa Gargas, Sheila Tucker, Rebecca Booth, Andy Dembowski, Jeff Mihalko, Maely Alexander, Carrie Sheldon

**Absent:** Kim Harsanje

**Staff:** Rev. Dawn Balduf, Marsha Mihalko, Julie Humbarger

**Meeting Started:** 6:30 pm

**Devotions and Prayer:** Judy Peters talked about procrastination as a spiritual issue.

**Minutes:** February minutes were presented, amended and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sheila Tucker moved to accept the report and to pay the monthly bills. Darrell Ray seconded. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor's report included in consistory packet. Pastor Dawn challenged us to think about why we want the church to grow and what we will do with it when it's received. She is attending the NW Ohio Annual Association meeting on April 29 in Wapokaneta. We are allowed 2 delegates along with Dawn. There's a funeral on Saturday. Thadd Huss will set up. Laura Miller will aid in kitchen. Sojourners will lead the service the week of April 23. The cost is \$300, but they'll do the majority of the service themselves.

**Elders' and Worship Report:** Elders and worship teams were officially combined together. During holy week this year we will have a few changes: 1) No Maundy Thursday service, 2) Noon Service for the community on Good Friday in the Chapel 3) Easter Sunday service at 10 am with communion. No sunrise service. Order of events on Easter: Morning breakfast, Egg Hunt and Church Service.

### **Trustees & Finance Team Report:**

- We have one bid for replacing the roof in the nurturing center and on the church. This bid is by Overhead Door. It totals approx \$194,000 for replacing both roofs. A second bid is due by Wednesday.
- Discussion around raising monies for the roof replacement was discussed. We plan to let the church family know about the high expense and ask for donations. A fundraising campaign called Raise the Roof will be multi-faceted with several different mini-fundraisers happening throughout the year. Ideas include a concert, family carnival day, big dinner/dinner theatre type event similar or perhaps an event similar to the Goal Post Gala silent and live auctions.
- March 25 is the next day for #MeijerSimplyGiving where Meijer doubles what you pay for a gift card and the monies go to the Genoa Food Pantry.

- Suggested that we create a thermometer for the fundraising efforts. Perhaps we can sell “shingles” for \$1,000 for 100 square feet of shingles.
- Decided not to get a mortgage on the parsonage because it’s not prudent to pay interest when we can borrow Asmus and Goetz monies and repay those funds back. We also talked about raising rents and attendance fees for the Nurturing Center and Elderlife. Bruce and Bobbie will attend next month’s meeting.
- Look into grants to help cover the cost?
- Sheila Tucker head of the Finance Team will spearhead the Raise the Roof Committee.
- First order of business is to send letters to the church family discussing the need. We need to move on this in 2023. We entertained the idea in 2022, but we were not able to move forward with it. Because we waited the new bid includes a \$25,000 increase.

**Trustees Report:** There’s a brick out of alignment on the bell tower. We need to get a lift to explore it in order to fix. Will be contacting Mark Morrison to see if he has access to a lift. Mike is buying clocks with batteries to replace electric ones. And the Mihalkos will donate a 30 ft fiberglass ladder to the church.

**Christian Ed Report:**

- \$200 made off concession stand during the Dart Ball Championship. Bobbie donated all the foodstuff for sale.
- Confirmation class leads church service on April 30. They are confirmed May 1.
- We need more subs to help with Sunday School. Two subs a week would be ideal.

**Evangelism Report:**

- Soup-a-Rama set for Sunday, March 19. Need a microphone for the event.
- Evangelism meeting needs to be set
- Fun Bunch this week Wednesday, Rayz

**Missions Report:**

- Adopt a Mile cleanup is April 29. You must be 12 or older to participate. All participants need to watch a video before going out to clean.
- Health Fair coming on May 6 complete with the mammogram van thanks to Mercy Health. A number of different booths and people to chat with about health and senior services will also be on hand. Need to promote in order to get a number of people to attend the event.

### **Pastoral Search Report:**

- Resumes are coming in and the committee feels good about the quality of candidates we are getting.
- The church profile has been finished and submitted.

### **Nurturing Center Report:**

- March into Spring is slated for March 25 from 1-2:30 pm. We hope to get 100 children involved in this event. Target market: 3 yrs old to 5th graders + their parents. Bobbie is in charge of 3 year olds through kindergarten and Judy in charge of 1st-5th graders. Bobbie is setting up art stations, games and make a snack for the children. If this goes well, we'll hold these quarterly.

### **Old Business:**

- Lease signed with The Hoffmans for rental of the parsonage. The parsonage is already starting to look much better and cleaner than it was.
- New Events Policy tabled until next month.
- Saturday, April 15 - Church Cleanup Day. Variety of tasks being planned. In addition to scouring, we will have fun and a free lunch. If you'd like to donate food, simply bring it with you!

### **New Business:**

- Next Sunday Fellowship is April 23, the deacons will handle.
- The 4th Sunday in May is memorial day weekend and Genoa's graduation. Not sure if we'll have a fellowship lunch. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- VBS is Sunday, July 9-13. The Consistory meeting scheduled for Monday night is changed to 8 am Sunday, July 16.
- Thank you to the Millers for donating new blood pressure cuffs. A new first aid kit is located in the closets the acolytes use. This will most likely change once cleaning day happens. All first aid supplies will be stored in one spot. We'll need a sign on the door telling people where it is.

**Next meeting:** Monday April 10 at 6:30 pm

**Meeting adjourned:** at 8:00 pm