

Members Present: Mark Chapinski, Judy Peters, Lisa Gargas, Cindy Huss, Denise Melter, Rebecca Booth, Andy Dembowski, Thadd Huss, Jeff Mihalko, Bob Banky, Paul Plantz, Mike Sondergeld, Sheila Tucker

Staff Present: Pastor Don Giesmann, Pam Ferrara, Marsha Mihalko, Jane Bowes

Call to Order at 6:37

Devotions and Prayer- Tiny Seed by Denise Melter

Review of May 9th minutes – motion was made by Cindy Huss, 2nd by Denise Melter- Accepted

Senior Pastor's Report

- Thank you, the lights and time on the crosses and trees now working \$76
- Thank you, Fred Huss for continuing to work on the bushes around the church
- Meeting on Saturday 6/11 went well with many ages represented. I heard good comments on the meeting and some people stopped over after the meeting to see how I was doing.
- This church is a community
- Thanked Judy Peters for a lovely lunch that was prepared and served to the staff on 6/10. Thank you to Lowell for delivering a meal to me, it was delicious and appreciated. I was under the weather and couldn't attend.
- Brochures continue to be used and many are being passed out.
- My health condition is good, except for this back thing that is ailing me right now. Overall physical I am good.

Summary of Keynote Address at NWOA Annual Meeting – was passed out as an addition to the monthly packet. Thanks to Pastor Dawn Balduf for attending online and prepare recap.

Director of Christian Education

- 5/22/22- Sunday School recognized retiring teachers – Rhonda Banky and Dee Huss
- Next year Julie Feller, Alisa Meyer, & Kara Boulerisse will be teaching Sunday School
- Volunteers for VBS going well, could use more
- Carnival will be 6/15/22- games will be available need volunteers to run games
- 2 Bounce Houses this year- one is being donated by company, other purchasing for \$199. If we would have only used one the cost would be half price.
- 6/6/22 VBS Meeting in chapel after church
- 6/26/22- VBS decorating led by Alexander's, the gym and kitchen are rented for the day
- 20 are pre-registered for VBS
- 6/26/22- Mission Trip members will be leaving the church at 10 am. We will be having a prayer send off in the parking lot for the 10 youth members and 4 adults going.
 - 2 – youth attending by sponsorship
 - 3 paid own way with fund raising using money out of youth fund
 - Only renting one van
 - Pam driving her own van
 - Rob Coon taking luggage in his truck both ways
 - They will be staying at River community Church Tree of Life, New Kingston
- Wrap up and report will be during the 7/3/22 Sunday service, from the youth.
- 6/17/22 – Pam went and watched the Genoa Band and has attended school events at Lake
- More Bibles have been purchased

Treasurer's Report

Online giving varies, envelope giving varies

Marsha reviewed the report in our packet and asked if there were any questions.

Bob Banky made a motion to approve the report and pay all the bills, 2nd by Rebecca Booth- Approved

Nurturing Center Report – none

Trustee – Hood vent still needs repair, calling Siglar & Sievens, Outdoor chapel needs cleaned, Thadd is going to trim the pretty red tree

Deacon – Happy Deacons

Elders – 7/3/22 – mission trip and communion, 7/17/22 – VBS wrap up, Pens like some around the table will be passed out for Father's Day

Worship Team – Kim, not present no update

Evangelism – Parade went well with Jeff Feller and Andy Dembowski driving jeeps and other member walking along passing out all the candy and many brochures.

New website is up and running and Jane has been trained on updating. Thank you, Rebecca!

Christian Ed – Denise will be setting a meeting.

Staff Parish – continues to work and meet

Youth - The next fundraiser for the youth will be in September/Pam.

OLD BUSNIESS

- Roof tabled
- Parking Lot repair by dumpsters will be covers 100% by Elderlife
- Property Insurance split has been reviewed by Marsha and Elderlife and Nurturing Center have been notified of new cost
- Retreat went well led by Jeremiah from Christ UM Church, Oregon. A donation of \$300 dollars will be given to Jeremiah – Motion made by Jeff Mihalko, 2nd by Cindy Huss – Approved, money to be cover this will come the Forward in Faith fund

New Business

Fundraisers Discussion

1. VoAg-Floral class to build grave blankets and wreaths in the fall for the cemetery
2. Spring – small business – Craft and Vendor sales in the gym, allowing them to sell products
3. Hobo Dinner in the fall – Mark will work with Sheila on prices
4. Garage Sale – August 4th – 7th, Rebecca Booth has offered to chair

Search Committee

Pastor Don states – Love All of You, no decisions on time for retirement. Could be 6 months, could be 1 year. Dan Busch states not many resumes out there. I am Happy to Stay and help with the future of St John's.

Constitution has procedures.

How do you develop process to plan for future of St. John's?

Not worried about a job or \$.

Slow process because of economy.

Denise Melter- What are we looking for? Vision team, planning team-eventually search committee.

Mark Chapinski – Planning, vision for the future.

Pastor Don – Not a dying church, in good shape in today's world. He would consider being Pastor Emeritus, because in the UCC if he just retires, should leave the church for 2 years and is required to sign an agreement stating this.

Mark Chapinski – How do we move forward? Vision Committee?

Judy Peters _ Something in between now and fall.

It was suggested that Mark give moments from the pulpit on Sundays to keep the congregation updated.

Vision Committee

Ideas from Saturday retreat:

Secret Shopper Survey – we could use Survey Monkey for the survey results. Should use Influencers of the Community.

Asking for a few questions from each of us for the survey. What is important in the present and future of the Church and Church Family.

Offering a gift card to them once completed. Funds could come from the Forward in Faith fund.

Marketing

Julie Humbarger has volunteered for marketing of the church.

It takes at least 3 weeks to publicize/promote items.

- Organ letter – referred to Deb Auer
- Insurance Quote 4 times renewal
- Do we want to advertise in the Genoa Fall sports program? After a lengthy discussion Sheila Tucker made a motion to place a half page ad for \$130 in the program, 2nd by Jeff Mihalko – Motion carried
- We are removing our ad from the Suburban Press which cost \$15/week. Motion was made by Paul Plantz and 2nd by Mike Sondergeld – Motion carried
- Sheila Tucker will work with Mark on a breakfast for July 17th, when we are having the VBS recap
- There was some discussion on outreach in the community by helping with Backpack and School supplies in the fall, other ideas given were socks and underwear. Toiletries are other items needed. These items are all needed at return to school, especially when returning to school.

Reports are due for the next meeting by July 7th.

Next meeting will be July 10th after church, in the Chapel – people will be finalizing VBS set up in the Consistory meeting room.

Devotions will be Rebecca Booth.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Tucker, Recording Secretary