

Consistory Minutes August 8, 2022

Member Present: Mark Chapinski, Judy Peters, Denise Melter, Rebecca Booth, Andy Dembowski, Thadd Huss, Jeff Mihalko, Bob Banky, Mike Sondergeld, Sheila Tucker

Staff Present: Pastor Don Giesmann, Debra Auer, Marsha Mihalko (on phone)

Call to Order in Sanctuary at 6:30

Starting with Deb Auer and Dan to understand the organ and updates that are needed for the organ. 7 years ago we invested about \$80,000 in the organ. Console to control pipes and electronic sounds ½ electronic, ½ pipe. Electronic sound is soft, Swell & Great -the great is needed 1st, choir need 2nd. This would be the logical order to fix.

Pipes are 100 years old now not rebuilt, need rebuilt. We should come up with a plan for repair and keep the notebook with plan in chamber, so each consistory know what needs done and how to budget for the future of the organ. Dan is going to give us a plan to review.

Move to Consistory room

Andy Devotions- Time to Pray, 9/11/22 – Lady and Family from 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th floor

Review of Minutes from 7/6/22 – Pastor Don asked for 3 lines to be removed from the minutes
Motion was made by Mike Sondergeld, 2nd by Denise Melter Minutes have been approve with removal of lines on the 7/6/22 minutes.

Pastor Don: Stated Pam found a job the next day, she is looking for a new church, Pam doing a project for him at his home after the water in the basement.

Review of Minutes from 7/20,22 – no corrections, Motion was made by Rebecca Booth, 2nd Denise Melter–approved.

Treasurer (on phone) – There are 2 Sunday's not yet deposited with Marsha Mihalko on vacation and Jane Bowes out for medical issues. There were 5 weeks in July. 2 bills for A/C.

Money in boxes outside the door and back of sanctuary – Jane gets \$ from those boxes.

We are expecting a refund for the VBS T-shirts and the deposit/refund from Meredith Rental

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills by Bob Banky, 2nd by Mike Sondergeld.

Comments regarding office: Jane has upcoming cancer surgery we may need fill in for her. Do we know of anyone that could help out in the office. Pastor is doing bulletin, Marsha will hopefully be back after vacation/COVID soon so Treasurer items should be ok.

Nurturing Center Report – Bobbie not present

Trustee Report

- Have not seen Bergman's yet
- Boiler Room-has water and needs checked
- Toilet on Nurturing Center fixed by Bob
- A/C making noise- North making noise-New belts this past Spring
- A/C Compressor fixed
- Parsonage-may need battery back-up for sump pump, Trustees will check items at parsonage
- Randy at Siglar and Sievings said to call him when boiler needs turned on, after water

- Had to have new hot water heater
- Pastor stated many things are not working at the parsonage- Wood Ripped from dogs, dishwasher, Microwave, no central air available because of boiler heat
- The trustees need to do an inspection and come up with a checklist of items needing repair at the parsonage

Deacons – All is good

Elders

- Communion supplies good
- Can they move trays for easier access – yes

Worship Team – Kim Harsanje, not present, no report

- Pastor Don said he spoke with Tom David, who's Grandfather was the longest serving Pastor. Tom stated the Pastors wore Robes every Sunday, along with the choir. The choir always walked in, at start of service and out on final song. He would like to see this again. Pastor Don thought we could come up with a plan to do this some Sunday's.

Christian Ed

- We will have a Blessing of Book Bags, for all ages
- Rally Day – 9/11/22
- Prayer Walk is plan for Genoa School - 8/21/22
- Kara B. is interested in Sunday School Superintendent
- Would like to use Blue Bulletin board to introduce teachers and have Sunday School children enter the church at the East double doors, not down on the far Sunday School wing.
- Will look over VBS material for ordering for next summer

Evangelism – We will be meeting after church

Pastor Report:

- Plans to retire-won't be here forever

Some ideas of things the church could do:

- Walk through the Bible is something very good and maybe we should look into this
- Lifeline Screening (Saves Lives)
- Resident Welcome List-Welcome Wagon
- Others reading scripture
- Members doing Children's Moment
- Youth Director

Dan Busch will be preaching Rally Day

Staff Parish

- Currently recommending that we allow Christian Ed Board plan youth events/activities and not hire a Christian Ed Director

OLD BUSINESS

Rummage Sale – Rebecca Booth provide a Recap Report (see report) – She thanked everyone who helped make this event a success and said they learned somethings for the next time we have an event like this.

Facebook page for St John's UCC- Pastor Don asked, Why can't we do boosting? Julie is working on some items for Social Media.

Prayer Walk – August 21, 2022 @ Genoa Area School. Promoting on church website, facebook, and signs hung around church. Water has been ordered for the walk

July 17th Breakfast was well attended approx.. 60 people-Thanks to all who donated and helped serve and clean-up.

Prayer Request

Bob's brother-in-law @ St. Charles
Thadd and Dee Huss – Step Mom passed away
Russ Tucker – still dealing with infection

Remember we can all reach out to Jeremiah if we have questions or concerns for the church.

Meals – We will continue to have meals the 4th Sunday of each month

- August 28th – Judy & Mark, with Thadd doing pancakes
- September 25th – Christian Ed
- October 23rd – Deacons
- November 27th – _____

Elderlife-Pastor Don said Bruce Auer/Elderlife would like Bible Study, they have about 5-6 people interested. Maybe we can extend an invitation to them to join us on the 4th Sunday for the meals.

Backpacks: Judy stated the partnership with churches doing backpacks for students is already done by Salvation Army and she provided forms, if we know of anyone needing backpacks.

Something that families need when returning to school and throughout the year is socks, shoes, and underwear.

Fun Bunch – Julie Humbarger and Barb Gottschalk along with Judy Peters and Sharon Horvath are working on a plan for the ladies.

New Business

Trustees to inspect parsonage and will work with Pastor to set date.

Office Staff contingency – Rebecca Booth and Julie Humbarger are willing to help in office.

Are will still thinking about a Spring Craft Show.

Hobo Dinner – October 9th -presale, drive-thru, Will need to work on food cost and begin selling tickets Rally Day.

Trunk or Treat – October 30th

Logos were passed out for review. Please take time to look through them and let us know which one you like at the next meeting in September.

Adjourned in Prayer, Pastor Don

Next meeting will be September 12, 2022 @ 6:30 pm

Devotions will be Cindy Huss

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Tucker, Recording Secretary