

## Consistory Minutes March 14, 2022

**Member Present:** Mark Chapinski, Lisa Gargas, Kim Harsanje, Cindy Huss, Denise Melter, Rebecca Booth, Andy Dembowski, Thadd Huss, Jeff Mihalko, Bob Banky, Darrell Ray, Mike Sondergeld, Sheila Tucker

**Absent:** Paul Plantz

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

Call to Order at 6:35 by Mark Chapinski

Devotions and Prayer led by Lisa Gargas

Mark asked for the review of the minutes, but they were not in our packet and Jane Bowes went to make copies of the minutes of the previous meeting and the meeting called by Pastor Don after Sunday service. We will come back to these once we have them to review.

### Senior Pastor's Report

- The Congregational Annual Meeting will be by Zoom on April 30, 2022. We have the option for 3 volunteers to join the Pastor and staff during this meeting. Please look at your calendar and let Pastor Don know if you would like to be 1 of the 3 representatives for our church.
- Thanked Lisa Gargas for her work on the Evangelism Committee for the past few years.
- Keith Hille and Jane Bowes worked on the website today and the site is difficult to work on.
- Recapped his report from the Worship/Evangelism meeting he held.

### Director of Christian Education

- The Bibles have been purchased for the nurturing center after the last consistory meeting and are now being distributed at the nurturing center.
- Scally Brothers concert will be April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The concert will be held in the Sanctuary. Refreshments will be available in the gym. Refreshments will not be allowed in the Sanctuary.
- The youth will have another Chicken BBQ on April 24<sup>th</sup> to raise money for the mission trip. The meal will be prepared by BBQ Traveler. Tickets will be available from youth and church office.

### Treasurer's Report

Marsha reviewed the treasurer's report and asked if there were any questions. Bob Banky made a motion to accept the report as presented, Denise Melter 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Treasurer's report was Approved.

Bob Banky made a motion to pay the bills, Thadd Huss 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion Approved.

- Marsha was asked to look into the donation for the purchasing of the bibles for the nurturing center, since consistory was told the bibles would be paid for at the last consistory meeting. The bibles have been purchased, but no receipt of donation has been made to date.

### Nurturing Center Report

Bobbie apologized for not have a printed treasurer report, her copier needs a new Black Cartridge Drum and won't be delivered until tomorrow.

The center currently has approximately \$57,000 in checking and \$5,400 in savings, payroll will be coming out of checking.

- A fence is needed around the play area with access in/out per the State. Bobbie is to have a phone meeting with the licensing agency to learn the details as to the proper fencing for the center later this week.

- The faucets in the educational wing need replaced and the lines cleaned. Sigler's will do this work for \$1,000 for the center and nurturing center will pay for the work. Consistory/trustees told Bobbie to proceed with the work.

Mark thanked Bobbie for the great job she does as Director of the Center.

#### Trustees

- Mike Sondergeld said he has looked at the roof on the educational wing and there is a lot of trouble with the roof.

Mike Weiss (roofing) of Millbury was out today and took measurements and will be getting an estimate. There are many bad soft spots on the roof and the drains are bad. Wolfe Roofing will also be contacted to give an estimate on the roof.

- Lights all fixed in the educational wing. More lights are needed to finish in other areas of the church.
- Security camera will be taken care of.
- Mike noticed a sound in choir room that he hadn't heard and he will get with Bob Banky and try to figure out what is going on in there.
- Exhaust fan for the kitchen will be looked at, once it is safe to get on the roof in that area.
- Bathroom in the choir room and ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Sacristy need attention.

#### Deacons

- Life is good and going well

Pam asked that the deacons on duty please wait for the Confirmation kids to light the candles. The kids have been disappointed when they get out of class to light the candles and it is already done.

#### Elders

- They will be meeting with Worship Committee.

Hearing reports from all committees we will move back to the minutes, now that copies have been made for everyone to review.

Consistory-2/14/22 & brief meeting after 2/20/22 minutes were presented. There were no additions or corrections.

Denise Melter made a motion to accept both minutes and Mike Sondergeld 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Approved.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Amplex installation is complete. All old wiring has been pulled from the old phone system.
- Safe combination has been changed as requested. Jane Bowes, Office Manager and Marsha Mihalko, Treasurer are the only people with the combination.
- Committees have been appointed by Mark Chapinski, President and he will be providing a list for each committee.
- Judy Peters has volunteered to fill the position of Vice President for 2022. Mark has accepted and appointed Judy as Vice President for 2022. Judy will fill the VP position with the intent on proceeding to President in 2023, which will need to be voted upon at the 2023 Annual Meeting.
- Willy ~~Foss~~<sup>55</sup> funeral luncheon was held at the church and Darrell and Janice Ray along with the mission team worked to make this happen for the family. Darrell thanked all who made the work run so smooth.
- There were 2 ads from churches in the musical program at Genoa High School.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mark passed out a book to all present and asked that we take the time to read and return with thoughts at our next meeting. The book is "Autopsy of a Deceased Church", the author states that churches are the following:

40% sick, 40% dying, 10% dead, and 10% good/healthy

Pastor Don stated Thom S. Rainer is one of the people he uses when stating statistics and facts about churches. He supports the use of this book and others that are written by Thom S Rainer.

- Rebecca Booth offered to work on the church website and offered some other marketing tools for the church, with the use of Rack Cards. She will work with Evangelism on getting this all working.
- VBS will be July 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, with the Carnival on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Pam is once again asking committees and/or groups to support the carnival by sponsoring a game for the carnival. There also food/snacks, bounce house etc. items that can be sponsored.
- Pastor said Stacey Depner was very sick for a little bit. When he spoke with her, she stated that her home church Solomon is a community church similar to St. John's.
- Marsha stated that a letter is needed on church letterhead and signed by Mark Chapinski giving her permission to add Jane Bowes to the checking account. Mark asked Jane to draft the letter and he would sign.
- Marsha will be on vacation mid-July thru the 1<sup>st</sup> week in August. She will work to have necessary treasurer items taken care on for the church. She will work with Bobbie for any items needed in her absence for the nurturing center.
- Rebecca Booth has asked to use the church building for an art class for adults. This class will be 1 day a week. She would like to use the adult Sunday school room for the class. Rebecca will complete the building use form with Jane and was given permission to use the building for the class.

Hearing no other business, a motion was made by Kim Harsanje to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Mihalko.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Pastor Don lead us in a closing prayer.

Reports are due for the April meeting: Thursday, April 7, 2022.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting Devotional: Mike Sondergeld

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Tucker, Recording Secretary