

Consistory Minutes May 9, 2022

Members Present: Mark Chapinski, Judy Peters, Lisa Gargas, Denise Melter, Andy Dembrowski, Jeff Mihalko, Bob Banky, Darrell Ray, Mike Sondergeld, Sheila Tucker

Absent: Kim Harsanje, Cindy Huss, Rebecca Booth, Thadd Huss, Paul Plantz

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

Call to Order at 6:35 pm

Mark Chapinski explained purpose of meeting

Devotions and Prayer – The Sunflower – by Bob Banky

Review of Minutes: It was brought to the attention that in Pastor's Report in the April minutes on the 1st point we should have Northwest Ohio Association meeting not Annual meeting, so we know which meeting was being referenced.

Hearing no other additions or corrections a motion to accept the minutes with addition was made by Denise Melter, 2nd Andy Dembrowski- Accepted

Senior Pastor's Report

- Jane as a cold/virus and was tested for COVID and does not have COVID
- Video was good on Mother's Day
- Pastor Dawn Balduf joined the zoom meeting for Northwest Ohio Asso. and is providing an overview of the meeting
- Easter attendance was up
- Ava Huss, Jordyn Ferrara, and John Lewis were confirmed
- Pastor passed out a sheet on Cornerstone Fund – lost cost loan options for UCC churches, to keep on file
- A new brochure that will be use as a handout for the church during the parade and other functions
- He also had a handout for an Avoid a Stroke event on April 13th at Red Willow Event Center
- The church has received a letter and check for \$6,518.51 from Robert L Fondessy Family Fund-the breakdown of the funds is as follows: 22.2% Oper & enhancement of the Walter A Fondessy Resource and Media Center; 55.6% Support for Elder Life Community to assist those unable to self-pay; 11.1% Student Aid Fund; 11.1% Senior Youth Fellowship Fund
- 101 ways to reach out in the community

Treasurer's Report

- We are down in giving in 2022
- Marsha reviewed the treasurers report and presented the list of Bills to be paid

Mike Sondergeld made a motion to accept the report and pay the bills, 2nd Denise Melter – Approved

Nurturing Center Report

After Bobbie had conversations and further review of the barrier needs for the playground area it has been determined that instead of a guardrail being installed, they can use cement barriers which will cost less.

We looked back at the motion that was made to approve guardrails and neither people making the original motion were present, so the motion could not be rescinded.

A motion was then made by Denise Melter not to install the guardrail, but to use cement barriers, which will be more cost effective for the Nurturing Center, 2nd Jeff Mihalko – Approved

Trustee

- Yackee Electric will be contacted again for the kitchen hood
- Roofing we only have 1 bid for the educational wing and that is Weiss Roofing. The roof currently is not leaking. Judy Peters asked if we could patch or get by until another bid can be obtained and plan for the expense in 2023. It was suggested that we get a least one more bid-Sheila Tucker said that she noticed Holt Roofing in Walbridge redoing a roof at the old Main Street Church, presently the Adm Bldg and police station. Darrell Ray will see if they would give us a bid, they do the roof work at his workplace.
- Mike thought repairs could possibly be done by a group from the church for now.

Elders

- Need more wafers ordered
- They have an idea for a gift on Father's Day in June

Worship

- Kim not present

Christian Ed

- Meeting May 22nd right after church
- After Easter Breakfast expenses were met \$90.35 went toward the Youth Mission Trip

Evangelism

- Has \$250 to use for things this year
- June 3rd will be the parade in Genoa. The theme is Broadway. Representation for St John's will be in the parade. We will probably not have a float there is not enough time or volunteers to put together a float for the night. Walkers and a vehicle to pass out the bags with church brochure, VBS information, and candy. We will ask for candy donations. Bag stuffing night will be announced.

Old Business

- Youth Mission Trip update and final planning numbers must be in by May 10th
- Outside crosses are being painted. Marsha Mihalko, Fred Huss, and Mark Morrison will be getting this project done

New Business

- Finance Team Recommendations
 - Use Financial Request Form when planning events and request for funds
 - Cost Analysis Form for all functions should be used
- A discussion was had regarding the Budget to date and how do we better handle the funds that are being donated to the church. After some discussion it was determined that the finance committee may need to review and bring suggestions back to consistory.
- Cost Benefits Analysis form is being revised and brought back to consistory
- Scally Brothers Concert – approx. 65 people, Pastor Don and Pam felt the concert went well. The band members were very impressed with the contract being adhered to. They thanked the church for the attention to their needs and help with set-up, and food. Some other comments were that we had hoped for a better turn out but there was a dance at Lake School and very nice weather for the day. The kids that didn't attend told Pam that a Friday night would be better in their opinion.
\$125 dollars was collected in the Free Will Offering
\$45 Concessions

An expense that evening was \$100 for the Radio station

- Youth Mission Trip
 - Currently 17 adults and kids committed to attending.
 - We in need of an adult male chaperone for the boys. This person must be over 21 years old.
 - 2 vans will be used to transport people – 1 van is fully paid for – 2 days on 2nd van
 - Robert Coon will be taking the luggage both ways
 - \$1,150 had to be paid for 23 unfilled positions for attendees at the mission
- Discussion of Vision Meeting
 - Will take 8-12 hours and Mark would like to do this on a couple Saturday's. Do we want to do this here at the church or off site?
 - We will work on this over the summer
 - What do we look for in a New Pastor
 - Make coming to church fun
 - Vision and Focus
- Mike Sondergeid asked what are we doing with all the musical instruments? They are just collecting dust and scattered all over the church.
- Stacey Depner is going to work on the choir room and music and is planning on coming back in the fall.

Reports are due Thursday, June 9th.

Next meeting would be on Monday, June 13th, 2022, with Denise Melter reading Devotions

Our July meeting will fall July 11th, which is the first night of VBS. The meeting will be moved to July 10th right after church.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 pm

Pastor Don closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Tucker
Recording Secretary