

Emmanuel U.C.C.
Consistory Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2016

Rev. Cliff Herring - A	Daniel Heffelfinger	Bobbi Pope
Mark Bellesfield	Barbara Kautzman	Bruce Pope
Victoria Butz	Claude Kohl	Margaret Rosenberger
Karen Christman	Lenore Kohl	Peggy Saylor
Alan Heckman	June McCracken	Barry Weibel

Visitors: Amy Heckman, Treasurer; Les Bartholomew, Financial Secretary; Jameson Baxter

Alan Heckman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Bobbi Pope introduced Jameson Baxter who opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes of the April 11th Congregational meeting were approved as submitted.

Minutes of the April 24th Consistory meeting were approved as submitted.

Financial Secretary's Report: The report for April 2016 will be filed for audit.

Treasurer's Report: The April 2016 report will be filed for audit.

Pastor's Report: Alan Heckman reviewed Pastor Cliff's report and reminded members he is attending the Tamaqua High School awards program to present a scholarship. The report is filed.

Committee Reports

Spiritual Council: No report

Centennial Anniversary: No report

Christian Education: Vicki Butz read the report. Vacation Bible School will be held July 25th through July 29th from 6 – 7:30 PM and will include an adult Bible study. The report is filed.

Community Involvement: Karen Christman reported fifty-five neighbors were served at the April Community Dinner. At a meeting tomorrow evening at 6 PM, plans will be made for future dinners. The next dinner will be held May 25th.

Facilities/Classrooms/Storage: Vicki Butz said work will resume after upcoming fundraising events are over.

Fellowship: No report

Fundraising: Vicki Butz read the report which is filed. She reported profits of \$2,305.33 from the Spring Basket Social, \$403.53 plus jewelry earned from the Premier Designs Jewelry Party

and \$207 from the Primary Election Day Bake Sale. Ten percent of all cash profits went to OCWM with the balance going to the General Fund. Details about the Penny Party and the Flea Market along with dates for other upcoming activities are in the report.

Finance: No report

Nominating: No report

Outreach: No report

Property: Alan Heckman announced the men's bathroom and kids' toilet seats have been replaced.

The committee will present proposals for resurfacing the parking lot and upgrading electric service in the kitchen to the Special Gifts committee this week and to the Consistory next month. Jason Heiser has offered to investigate the U.C.C. insurance plan using contact information June McCracken will provide.

Staff Support: Bobbi Pope reported the committee will prepare vacation policies for the secretary and sexton and also is developing a policy to address extended sick leave.

The committee met with Jameson Baxter, a candidate to serve a summer internship as our pastor. He will serve from June 1st through August 31st, working twenty hours a week, earning pay equal to Pastor Cliff and receiving mileage reimbursement. He will plan and conduct all worship services, offer children's sermons, visit sick and shut-in members, be in the office at least one morning each week and attend Consistory and committee meetings, VBS, community meals and other events that require the presence of a pastor. Bobbi Pope presented a motion from the committee *that Jameson Baxter be our summer pastor for the period from June 1st to August 31st*. Alan Heckman noted if Jameson requests a paternity leave of up to a week, duties can be covered. Also, he must be informed the remuneration for the summer will be the corrected salary of \$7,650 plus mileage. The motion passed unanimously. Bobbi Pope will prepare a Stated Supply Covenant Form reflecting the agreement.

Stewardship: No chair

Worship & Music: June McCracken announced worship will be held at 9:30 AM from June 19th through August 28th.

Old Business: Alan Heckman circulated a sheet to complete sign-ups for deacon and elder of the month.

Preparation of a Facility Rental Policy is in the hands of the Property Committee.

Alan Heckman will arrange for a group of Emmanuel representatives to meet with members of the Seventh Day Adventist congregation to further explore their request to rent the church.

Alan Heckman and Pastor Cliff will determine the date and invite a representative from the Conference of Churches to visit and discuss their services to the homeless.

The schedule for collection of Benevolence funds was defined in the Benevolence Committee Report, January 2016.

Karen Christman will work with the Worship and Music Committee to schedule the dedication of the Boy Scout plaque.

Karen Christman will submit a “Get to Know Your Consistory” article for the June newsletter.

New Business: The Staff Support Proposal was addressed under Committee Reports.

Alan Heckman shared a request from a neighbor to rent the church parking lot for five hours in the afternoon on either June 11th or June 18th for a child’s birthday party. Concerns were raised about liability insurance coverage and fairness to the people currently renting parking spaces.

Barry Weibel made and then rescinded a motion *to proceed with the rental with the requirement that the individual get an insurance rider to cover the church’s responsibility*. After further discussion, June McCracken moved *to have Alan check our liability insurance and schedule a meeting to determine how to proceed*. Mark Bellesfield seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Members asked Alan also to get more details about the function.

Planning for our Future: Alan Heckman announced the names of members who have agreed to serve as the Search Committee: Kelly Frankenfield, Charles Heil, Alison Heiser, Lucy Lehr, Ben Pope, Patty Weibel and Andy Wight. Pastor Cliff will contact Alan Miller so Emmanuel can be assigned a Conference representative and move forward.

Alan Heckman adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Kautzman
Secretary

Next meeting: June 13, 2016