

Consistory Meeting Minutes – November 21, 2013

- I. **Call To Order/Roll Call:** Meeting was opened by Janice Broyan, President, at 6:40 pm. Candle was lit by Jill Bernetski and prayer was offered by Pastor Penny Dollar. Those attending were Pastor Penny Dollar, Janice Broyan, Nelson Horwath, Don Myers, Camille Daniels and Jill Bernetski. Absent – Ron Rinehimer, Kim Bernetski.
- II. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the October 24, 2013 consistory meeting were sent to members via email. All members received a copy prior to the meeting. Minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Camille Daniels and seconded by Nelson Horwath to approve the October Consistory meeting minutes. Motion carried.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** The 10-31-13 Treasurer's Report was provided to members at the meeting. Overall totals for general, building and memorial funds were calculated correctly. A motion was made by Jill Bernetski and seconded by Camille Daniels to accept the October Treasurer's Report totals. Motion carried.
- IV. **Old Business:**
 1. **Men in Harmony:** The group will perform on Sunday, May 4th at 4pm.
 2. **New Consistory Member:** Deb Dietrich volunteered to serve on the Consistory to fill the vacancy that will be created when Janice leaves. More members are welcome.
 3. **Memorial Gift:** A bench has been purchased in Audrey Grosz's memory that will be placed near the entrance at the side of the church near the Fellowship Hall. The Building Committee has decided that it would be best to install the bench in the spring. A bush will need to be removed; additionally, a new sidewalk will be poured and a slab to place the bench on will also be poured.
 4. **Pastoral Committee:** A meeting was held November 7th. There were no issues from anyone in attendance. A report will be presented at the Congregational Meeting.
- V. **New Business:**
 1. **Jesse Fink:** This is a singer of religious music that would like to sing in the Fellowship Hall the evening of Saturday, January 4th. It would be like a coffee house and refreshments would need to be provided. Discussion was held that this may be too close to the holidays and attendance may be low but we would like him to appear at a later date. Pastor Penny spoke to Jesse and he has agreed to perform on February 8th.
 2. **2014 Budget:** The Budget Committee met on November 10th; the members are Camille Daniels, Jim Rinehimer, Denise Dean, Allen Dennis and Pastor Penny Dollar. A motion was made by Jill Bernetski and seconded by Nelson Horwath to accept the budget as prepared. Thank you to the Budget Committee, especially Denise Dean, for the time and consideration that occurs during the budget process.
 3. **Congregational Meeting:** The date of the annual meeting was originally scheduled for December 22nd. Discussion was held to change the date to December 8th with December 22nd to be the snow date. A motion was made by Jill Bernetski and seconded by Don Myers to change the date of the annual meeting to December 8th. Motion carried.
 4. **Mission and Vision Statements:** Thank you to everyone who helped to renew our Vision Statement which is "Faith, Reflection, Outreach, Growth". These words were expanded on and developed into our Mission Statement which is "Empowered by our faith in Jesus Christ, the mission of Emmanuel United Church of Christ is to use the power of reflective prayer to reach out and serve those in spiritual and physical need and to spread the good news in our community in order to grow our family of God."
 5. **Garbage Fee:** Brian Steinbrenner has been collecting the garbage and not charging the church; a thank you note will be sent.
 6. **Suggestion Box:** A box will be placed in the Narthex, with a lock on it, for suggestions. Suggestions need to be signed for them to be considered so that the issue can be addressed with the individual that brings it up. A notice will be placed in the bulletin and in the newsletter informing members of the suggestion box. Additionally, it was suggested to put the names of the consistory members on the board.
 7. **Outside Sign:** A new sign will be needed for the front of the church. This will help with outreach. The sign should face both ways; it should be more progressive and welcoming. This is part of the new mission and should be considered for the future.

VI. Pastor's Report:

1. Educational Experiences: Pastor Penny attended an Emotional Intelligence workshop; this was a good workshop that provided education as to how to react to people. It stressed that the emotional quotient is more important than the intelligence quotient.
2. Christmas Pageant: This will be held during worship on December 15th.
3. Christmas Caroling: Members will go caroling on December 8th after the Congregational meeting.

VII. Communion Setup: DECEMBER: Janice
 JANUARY: Camille and Don

VIII. Next Meeting: Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

IX. Adjourn: A motion was made by Camille Daniels and seconded by Jill Bernetski to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was called to close by Janice Broyan at 8:14 pm.