

Consistory Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2015

I. Call To Order/Roll Call: Meeting was opened by Camille Daniels, President, at 6:46 pm. Candle was lit by Pastor Penny Dollar and prayer was offered by Deb Dietrich. Those attending were Pastor Penny Dollar, Camille Daniels, Nelson Horwath, Brad Bunnell, Dwain Straight, and Deb Dietrich. Absent - Don Myers

II. Secretary's Report: Minutes from the January 15, 2014 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 Nelson Horwath and seconded by Dwain Straight to approve the January Consistory meeting minutes. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report: The 1-31-2015 Treasurer's Report was provided to the members at the time of the meeting. Overall totals for general, building and memorial funds were calculated correctly. A motion was made by Brad Bunnell and seconded by Nelson Myers to accept the January Treasurer's Report totals. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business:

1. Safe Church Policy: Pastor Penny stated that compliance with the safe church policy will need to be met by the end of this year. The PNEC website will be providing information on the process of ensuring compliance. There is a free class available online to receive credit through Pittsburgh University to aid in the process of meeting the compliancy standards. Employees need to complete the PA Criminal History from the PA State Police (\$10), Child Abuse History (\$10) and Federal Criminal Record check from the FBI with submission of the individual's fingerprints to the PA State Police (\$27.50). Volunteers age 14 only need the PA Criminal History and Child Abuse History. These clearances need to be completed every 36 months; the initial clearances need to be submitted by December 31, 2015.
2. Copier Obsolescence: Deb Dietrich and Brad Bunnell are assisting Denise Dean with researching and obtaining new copier. Denise had sent requests for quotes from various vendors. The current service contract expired February 23, 2015; at this time, the service rate charge will be \$109 per hour plus a \$30 destination charge for repair calls. The copier was purchased in March 2004 for \$7,179.76. Since then, a total of \$8,684.82 was paid for supplies and service calls as needed through the service contract. The terms of the current contract included the cost of toner cartridges which were over \$100 per cartridge.
3. Social Media: Currently, the church has accounts with Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Foursquare and Stumble Upon. These accounts should be monitored; if anything inappropriate or controversial is posted, it should be deleted immediately. No specific offensive material was noted. Jim Rinehimer maintains the Facebook account; It was noted that our insurer has guidelines regarding what can be posted. All content posted through Social Media accounts are generated/auto posted from Emmanuel-ucc.org via RSS.
4. Pending Property Sale - Concerns were discussed over the possible future sale of Andy's Gas Station and the property lines adjacent to the Church. Pastor Penny discussed having a church member talk to Andy regarding re-surveying the property lines prior to the sale of the business. It was also mentioned to seek out a volunteer within the Church with survey experience. Someone will be inquiring with Billy Heller who is surveyor
5. Fundraiser (February/March)- The "Emmanuel Spring Fling" will consist of a talent show ranging from music, poetry, and art displays. Members of the church will be approached to participate in the talent show which will be held Saturday evening, March 28th, 2015. Donations will be generated through a love offering during the show. It was discussed to invite other churches and participants to auction off artwork, pastries, etc. A committee was formed by Dwain Straight and Brad Bunnell to reach out and further organize this event. Dwain will discuss with Denise about contacting other churches for auction items and talent.
6. Turkey Supper - Date of supper is April 18, 2015. Cost will remain at \$10 per person. Seeking volunteers underway.

7. 300 Club - Date set for Saturday, June 20, 2015. Organization has begun. Questions were raised by Camille Daniels regarding requirements for games of chance yearly application. Questions concerned the person to sign off on application including those involved with operations in the games of chance. 300 club committee will hold meeting in upcoming church service.
8. Hymn Sing Services - Dwain Straight mentioned that the Christmas hymn service was a success. He would like to do that more than once a year, possibly in the months with five Sundays. The next tentative hymn sing will be May 31 2015.

V. New Business:

1. Organist/pianist Dwain Straight stated he will be unavailable for Wednesday services in order to focus on upcoming personal goals.
2. Outside Lighting - It was discussed to look into automatic sensor towards front of building to increase security and safety. Also to ensure current automatic sensors are functioning properly. Plan is to discuss with Ron Rinehimer what work has been done so far.
3. Cleaning Committee - Dave Myers currently heads cleaning committee. It was discussed getting more people involved in volunteering for the cleaning committee.
4. Sidewalk Snow Removal - It should be announced during service that assistance with cleaning walkways is needed prior to Church service.
5. Obtaining New Members - Camille Daniels offered thoughts on retaining/obtaining new members including offering cards or small gifts to families of baptized child. This was mentioned as a thought to let the families know they are welcome and encouraged to attend service.

VI. Pastor's Report:

1. Pastor's Vacation: Pastor Penny will be on vacation the week of April 6th through April 12th. The April 12th service will be performed by Dave Horensky.
2. PNEC Annual Meeting will be held on April 18th.
3. A Boy Scout Sunday service will be held February 22nd, 2015. Mardi Gras that was postponed will be held on this date following service
4. Lenten Suppers - Continue to be held on Wednesdays at 6 PM prior to 7 PM service.
5. Carpet for fellowship hall - measurements were taken and Pastor Penny Dollar will be getting quotes.
6. Youth Group Mission Trip - The mission trip this year will be week of June 22nd in the Virginia Beach area. We are currently looking for Youth Volunteers.
7. Confirmation will be held on a Sunday in May. Date to be agreed upon by all participants. Four girls will be confirmed.

VII. Communion Setup: March: Camille and Dwain

VIII. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 19th, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

IX. Adjourn: Meeting was called to close by Dwain Straight at 8:15 pm. Dwain Straight motioned to adjourn, seconded by Deb Dietrich.