

Consistory Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2014

- I. **Call To Order/Roll Call:** Meeting was opened by Ron Rinehimer, President, at 6:47 pm. Candle was lit by Jill Bernetski and prayer was offered by Nelson Horwath. Those attending were Pastor Penny Dollar, Ron Rinehimer, Nelson Horwath, Don Myers, Camille Daniels, Deb Dietrich and Jill Bernetski.
- II. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the September 25, 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 Camille Daniels and seconded by Deb Dietrich to approve the September Consistory meeting minutes. Motion carried. Minutes from the October 5, 2014 Congregational 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 5th Congregational meeting minutes. Motion carried.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** The 9-30-14 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 Nelson Horwath to accept the September Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
- IV. **Old Business:**
 1. **Fellowship Hall Ventilation:** The ventilation system has been installed; an anonymous donation of \$2,600 was received to cover the expense. The next phase of the project will be to clean the mold; the joists will be installed and then the area will be insulated. It was suggested to consider using Styrofoam insulation.
 2. **Narthex Roof:** The roof only leaks in the winter when there is an abundance of snow. Camille provided the name of a contractor that repairs rubber roofs; Ron will contact him for an estimate.
 3. **Church Repairs:** A work day was held on Saturday, September 27th and projects from the list of repairs will be worked on. A lot was accomplished but there are still items on the list that need to be completed, most of which will need to wait to be completed until the spring. Thank you to all who helped!
 4. **Carbon Monoxide Detectors:** Three detectors will be needed; they would be located near the gas and oil. Don and Nelson are in the process of obtaining prices for the detectors. The detectors will communicate with each other – if one detector goes off, they all will. These should be purchased prior to the heat kicking on.
 5. **Evangelism Team:** Deb has contacted Mountain Yoga to try to schedule a class which will be conducted at the church. The class will be for all ages and would charge a small fee which would then be used for missions. The team is also looking for a local family to assist at Christmas. Envelopes are placed in the pews weekly for the members of the church to donate to this group to assist with any expenses.
 6. **Consistory Members:** Two (2) members will be leaving at the end of the year – Ron and Jill. Don and Nelson will be leaving at the end of 2015. It is a good idea to start looking for new members now; it is better to ask people personally if they would consider serving on the Consistory.
 7. **Annual Congregational Meeting:** This will be held Sunday, December 7th; the snow date will be December 21st.
 8. **Pork and Sauerkraut Supper:** This will be held Saturday, November 15th; the cost will be \$10 per person. A lot of help will be needed. Volunteers will be needed to cook the pork roasts; it is suggested that they be cooked in crock pots.
 9. **Parking Lot:** The curb that was installed in the parking lot seems to be helping with the flow of the water; however, during the last rain storm, where there was 2 inches of rain, there was still water in the basement.
 10. **Gift Cards:** It is a good idea to remind members on a weekly basis about the gift cards that are for sale.
 11. **Budget Committee:** The Budget Committee will be meeting shortly to prepare the annual budget. Committee members are Pastor Penny Dollar, Jim Rinehimer, Denise Dean, Camille Daniels and Allen Dennis. The budget needs to be voted on by the Consistory prior to providing it for review by the congregation. It needs to be available to the congregation by November 23rd.
 12. **Islam and Christianity:** Sharon Moyer has agreed to work with Pastor Nazrani to set a date for the session which would be open to the community pertaining to this subject. It will most likely be held in the spring.

V. New Business:

1. Staples Account: Discussion was held about the possibility of opening a credit account in the church's name. The paperwork will be given to Jim Rinehimer, Treasurer, to complete. The savings that would be achieved by opening an account will be compared to the earnings from purchasing Staples gift cards through the gift card program.
2. Fellowship Hall Floor / Insurance: Ron spoke with the insurance company and they will reimburse approximately \$2,000 for repairs. The estimator stated the current beams are beyond repair and should be replaced. Cross ventilation is needed to avoid future problems. Currently, the air is just recirculating; air from the other side of the building is needed. A vent should be put on the other side. Another sump pump system will most likely be needed; it is not clear where the water is coming in. It was suggested that it may be necessary to dig around the building foundation to channel the water away from the building. The area has been sprayed to remove the mold; this is a preventive measure. Insulation of the floor has not been completed yet; insulation is needed around the pipes.
3. Furnace: The new furnace has been installed and it will be cleaner. The fans are stronger and circulate the heat better. A donation of \$500 was received to help defray the cost of the furnace.
4. Budget Issues: The church is in financial trouble. Last year, transfers from the Memorial Fund totaled approximately \$35,000; through September, transfers from the Memorial fund totaled \$7,000. Fundraisers through September totaled approximately \$18,700. Two more fundraisers will be held in the coming months (Turkey Supper and Pork and Sauerkraut Supper); there should be enough money to meet expenses through December. There is currently \$90 thousand in the Parsonage Fund. The church currently uses the approximately \$300 of income this fund generates monthly to assist with expenses. The principal balance of this fund cannot be used without the approval of the congregation. The meeting to obtain approval needs to be advertised for two weeks prior to the actual meeting. There are two additional small funds: the Steeple Fund which is to be used to purchase light bulbs and the Carillion Fund which is to be used for the purchase of tapes. The Hoffman Fund, which is for the youth, is also available. This fund was not utilized for years until the youth started participating in Team Effort and attending Mission Trips. There has been a lot of borrowing and paying back between funds. It was noted that the budgeted benevolences haven't been paid; in addition, no money from the fundraisers already held have gone to missions.

VI. Pastor's Report:

1. Floral Arrangement Raffle: A floral arrangement was donated to the church. Pastor Penny suggested raffling the arrangement off at the Turkey Supper. The cost for a chance will be \$2 a ticket or 3 tickets for \$5. The arrangement will be placed in the sanctuary and the volunteers selling tickets to the supper will also sell the tickets for the raffle.
2. Thanksgiving Eve Service: This service will be held at Emmanuel this year. The service will be held Wednesday, November 26th at 7pm.
3. Advent: The first Sunday in Advent is November 30th, which is the Sunday after Thanksgiving.
4. Christmas Pageant: This will be held Sunday, December 14th during the worship service.

VII. Communion Setup: NOVEMBER: Jill
 DECEMBER: Ron

VIII. Next Meeting: Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

IX. Adjourn: Meeting was called to close by Ron Rinehimer at 7:38 pm.