

Consistory Meeting Minutes – September 25, 2014

- I. **Call To Order/Roll Call:** Meeting was opened by Ron Rinehimer, President, at 6:42 pm. Candle was lit by Jill Bernetski and prayer was offered by Pastor Penny Dollar. 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 July 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 July Consistory meeting minutes. Motion carried.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** The 7-31-14 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 Deb Dietrich to accept the July Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. The 8-31-14 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 Deb Dietrich to accept the August Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
- IV. **Old Business:**
 1. **Golf Tournament:** The tournament was held on September 13th; although it was a rainy day, a good time was had by all. The profit from the golf tournament was \$2,672.50 while the profit from the quilt raffle, door prizes and 50/50 chances was \$723.30; the total profit for the day was \$3,995.80. Thank you to all who helped!
 2. **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. The insurance company has denied the claim; however, Pastor has said she will call and try to receive some reimbursement.
 3. **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.
 4. **Memorial Bench:** The bench was dedicated on August 17th. The bench and the area around it look very nice.
 5. **Church Repairs:** A work day is scheduled for Saturday, September 27th at 8:00am. Projects from the list of repairs will be worked on.
 6. **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.
 7. **Church Picnic:** This was held August 24th after the worship service. A good time was had by all in attendance.
 8. **Evangelism Team:** The team is currently making backpacks for the school supplies collected at Vacation Bible School which will be distributed by Church World Services. Deb has contacted Mountain Yoga to conduct a class at the church. The class will be for all ages and would charge a small fee which would then be used for missions. The date of October 5th was originally suggested but this is the day of the Crop Walk so it will be rescheduled. The team is also looking for a local family to assist at Christmas. Envelopes will be placed in the pews for the members of the church to donate to this group to assist with any expenses.
 9. **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.
 10. **Women's Retreat:** The retreat will be held in Stroudsburg the weekend of Friday, September 26th through Sunday, September 28th. Dave Horensky will preach on Sunday.
 11. **Rally Day:** This was held on September 7th; everything went very well. There were a lot of kids in attendance.
 12. **Annual Congregational Meeting:** This will be held Sunday, December 7th; the snow date will be September 21st.
 13. **Pork and Sauerkraut Supper:** This will be held Saturday, November 15th; the cost will be \$10 per person.
 14. **Parking Lot:** A curb was installed in the parking lot; the cost to install it was \$400. An anonymous donation was received to cover the cost.
 15. **Gift Cards:** It is a good idea to remind members on a weekly basis about the gift cards that are for sale.

V. New Business:

1. Budget Committee: The Budget Committee should meet in the middle of October to prepare the annual budget. The budget needs to be published two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting so it should be available to the congregation by November 23rd. The budget needs to be voted on by the Consistory prior to providing it for review by the congregation; it should be voted on at the November 20th Consistory meeting.
2. Islam and Christianity: Pastor Nazrani would like to conduct a session which would be open to the community pertaining to this subject. Discussion was held and it was decided that this is something we would be interested in hosting. Pastor will work on setting up the date for the session.
3. Budget Issues: The church is in financial trouble. Initially, it was thought that there would be enough money to support the church for three to four years; upon further review, it looks like there is only enough money to support the church for two more years. Money from the Building Fund was used to pay insurance; pension and tax payments are also due. Money will need to be taken from the small memorial fund to meet these expenses. 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. Since the Turkey Supper will be held in October, there should be enough funds to cover expenses through November. There is no time to do any additional fundraisers this year. It was noted that the budgeted benevolences haven't been paid; in addition, no money from the fundraisers already held have gone to missions. A letter will be sent to all members from the Consistory detailing the poor financial position of the church. Once the letter is sent, a meeting will be held, prior to the Annual Meeting, to discuss the contents of the letter. At this meeting, the congregation will be asked for permission to utilize the principal balance of the Parsonage Fund,

VI. Pastor's Report:

1. Newsletter: Pastor has asked that everyone read the October newsletter when it is published. It is important to invite people to church so they can see what our church is all about. It is also important to pray for the church.
2. Thanksgiving Eve Service: This service will be held at Emmanuel this year. The service will be held Wednesday, November 26th at 7pm.
3. Christmas Pageant: This will be held Sunday, December 14th during the worship service.

VII. Communion Setup: OCTOBER: Don and Camille
NOVEMBER: Jill

VIII. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

IX. Adjourn: Meeting was called to close by Ron Rinehimer at 8:14 pm.