

Consistory Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2020

In attendance: Pastor Lou, Joan Rinehimer, Chris Dietrich, Lisa Ceaser and Guest Steve Moyer

1. Call to order, 11:49AM light candle, prayer by Pastor Lou
2. Steve presented an update on the status of repairs to the Narthex. He was able to locate, paint and install replacement ceiling tiles. All tiles that were accessible with a ladder only have been repaired. Phase 2 will involve the erection of scaffolding to complete the ceiling tile replacements and repairs to the round window. He has paint and a plan for texturing to match the plaster. Needs 2-3 stretch of time to complete. Consistory thanked him for his efforts.
3. Review of Church rolls deferred until next month.
4. Housekeeping issues brought to Consistory attention were discussed including the lock on the dumpster, aluminum cans, trash at donation bin and clutter in the fellowship hall. Pastor will work to clear the Anniversary items from the fellowship hall, the items are sorted and most need to return to the office downstairs. Trash at the donation bin is not an issue that yet requires intervention. If it becomes a bigger problem we are able to contact the bin owner for faster removal. During the meeting it was voted to discontinue collection of aluminum cans, however, it was learned after the meeting that the cans are part of an ongoing fundraising effort for the cemetery. Dave Myers handles removal and deposit of the proceeds into the Cemetery funds. No action will be taken regarding the cans by Consistory.
5. **New Business** –
 - a. 2019 final audit (6month) – Steve presented the results of the audit and had only 2 issues that needed to be addressed by the Consistory regarding the proper use of accounting funds. He reminded Consistory that historically the General Fund is used for payroll related expenses and the Building Fund for expenses such as building upkeep. The accounting system put in place in 2019 continues to be useful in providing clear guidance as to what FUND each expense should be paid from. There was a question regarding the deposit from Sauerkraut proceeds which should have had 10% deposited to small games and the rest to building fund.
 - b. Treasurers Report was reviewed and approved. However, it should be noted that after more careful review by Lisa Ceaser there are questions to be addressed by the Treasurer/Consistory.
 - c. Discussion regarding an idea for Live Streaming or recording one service to share online with our members who are out of town, homebound or prospective new members. This is not unheard of, and been thought of in prior years. Further discussion will be had to review viability, testing, etc.
 - d. Joan suggested wanting our Cemetery to participate in WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA for Christmas. Consistory approved.
 - e. New flag pole was purchased/donated.
 - f. There is an empty file cabinet in/from Nursery that is available to Sunday School, or Secretary if needed. Otherwise it should be recycled.
 - g. Key log, email request and pastoral care requests are all on table in bell tower.
6. **Pastor's Report** – Confirmation class has been formed and includes 5 students. Matteo, Nick, Robert, Cindy and Paige. They are meeting today. Scout Sunday was a success. VFW donated \$750 for food pantry.

NEXT MEETING – Sunday, March 29, 2020 – After service, to begin after counting is complete.