

FIRST UCC CONSISTORY MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2021

A meeting of the Consistory of First United Church of Christ was held on Monday, November 15, 2021. Present were Dave Rohrer, Barb Simonton, Pat Frey, Karen Byers, Craig Kern, Pastor Chris Schwab, Lisa Harrison, Greg Lewis and Gail Havens. Missing were Dallas Bailey, Mike Coulson and Brian Gish.

Devotions were provided by Pat Frey.

The October 2021 Consistory minutes were approved by Karen Byers and seconded by Lisa Harrison.

Pastor Chris reported he had contacted 13 families (23 people) who regularly attended the 8:00 service regarding the issue of one or two services. Responses were varied. Some were okay about not having communion every Sunday or in a different format if we had the early service. Others will only attend an 8:00 service while a few people would be willing to attend a service at 10:00, not 10:45. Results of the survey will be given to Church & Ministry council to review and present suggestions to Consistory.

Treasurers Report: Craig Kern reviewed the October reports. Individual giving is behind approximately \$25,000 for the current year. The reports were approved on a motion by Greg Lewis and seconded by Dave Rohrer.

Christian Education: The children are collecting cookies the first three Sundays in Advent. The kids will package the cookies and Bill Harrison will deliver them to the Truck Stop Ministry.

Church & Ministry: Council had discussed resuming singing with masks on at the service. The singing would be at the end of the service and limited verses would be sung. The verses would be printed on an insert in the bulletin. Sharon Maurer had been given permission by council to restart the choir. A motion was made to resume limited singing at the end of the service starting with Advent by Dave Rohrer and seconded by Craig Kern.

Church & Community Connections: 31 meals were served at My Brother's Table on November 14. Council will next serve a meal on April 9, 2022. Council discussed ideas of using community organizations to promote the church to try to increase attendance.

COVID 19 report: PA is seeing an increase in COVID cases. Protocols will be kept in place at the church.

Craig Kern reported on the estimate from Scott Kuhn regarding a new sound & video system. The estimate is \$30,000 for the whole system. Current supply chain issues will determine the extent of the time frame to get a new system installed. A suggestion was made to use funds from the Building Fund to pay for the system. A motion was made by Lisa Harrison and seconded by Barb Simonton for a formal proposal to move forward with ordering the equipment needed. All approve.

New Business: Karen Byers reported on the Adopt-a-Family for Christmas program. The church will be helping two families this year. One has 8 children and the other 6 children. Lindsey had also received a request from another family with 4 children. If costs are not covered by donations from the congregation, funds may be requested from the Good Samaritan Fund.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion from Karen Byers and seconded by Dave Rohrer. Next meeting will be Monday, December 20, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Havens
Secretary of Consistory