

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CONSISTORY MINUTES – May 4, 2020

A meeting of the Consistory of First United Church of Christ was held, via Zoom, on Monday, May 4, 2020. Present: Patricia Frey, Dennis Eckman, Lee Fischbach, Roland Makibbin, Bill Harrison, David McKibben, Jim O'Neal, Kate Poe, David Rohrer, Susan Stott, Kirk Wilson, Pastor Chris Schwab, and Karen Byers.

DEVOTIONS: Pastor Chris opened the meeting with prayer.

Pat thanked everyone for participating in the meeting via Zoom.

Pat indicated Pastor Chris was preparing a letter to be sent to the congregation regarding the Church building being closed until June 1. A blue sheet would be included, along with a self-addressed and stamped return envelope, for notifying the Pastor of concerns, etc. Also included in that letter would be the announcement of Iva Zell's retirement, effective June 30.

Bill inquired if offerings are coming in, since congregation is not attending church in house. Pat reported offerings are being mailed in on a regular basis. Iva comes in several times per week, taking care of mail, deposits, etc. Pastor Chris is in the office most days.

Pastor Chris reported that during live streaming the services that Public Domain Music is being used. He suggests we purchase a music license for live streaming, which is \$100 per year (in addition to what we already pay for a music license), is more flexible, and familiar hymns could be used. On an Eckman/Poe motion, we will purchase said license at \$100 per year. Motion carried.

Pat reported 126 votes were received for new Consistory Elders and Deacons, with the breakdown being 125 yes votes and 1 no vote.

Pat requested Council updates, as follows:

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: Dave reported the Council made a \$500 contribution to CARES Emergency Fund. These funds are being used to pay for families staying in hotels/motels. The Council also purchased 200 dozen eggs for Project SHARE, per a request by Susan Coulson. The Council also provided a meal for 70+ people at My Brothers' Table.

Dave indicated CARES may utilize the Stuart Community Center until May 18, at which time the Borough would like to begin programming. CARES is looking to rent/purchase properties to house individuals/families, which would offer a solution to the situation. Asked if a letter or e-mail could be sent to congregation requesting donations for emergency items, which can be purchased from Amazon by CARES.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: David reported the following:

-Routine maintenance was performed on the elevator.

-Circulator pump in the Boiler Room was serviced by Tuckey; covered under service warranty.

-Kathy Bear's salary will be suspended until she resumes working; she can draw Unemployment from the School District.

-Jim requested we look into having Ken and Kathy work on Sundays, when we return to in-house worship. Consistory agreed with this recommendation.

-Ken Stoner also requested coming back on a regular basis to clean up, sanitize, police parking lot, etc. He Ken's schedule is Monday-Wednesday-Friday, 7:00-3:00. Dave inquired if there were any long-term maintenance issues Ken could do at this time. David indicated Ken could continue working on the lights on the plaza, which need replaced. All members were in agreement to have Ken return to his regular schedule.

CHURCH AND MINISTRY: Denny reported congregation seems to be quite receptive to the live streaming of Sunday church services. Denny would like to schedule a meeting with the Council, via Zoom; Pastor Chris will assist in setting up this meeting. Denny also would like to see the continuance of live streaming Sunday services until our congregation is ready to return to sanctuary; we will play this by ear. We also need to think of ways to reach out to our members.

CARING FELLOWSHIP: Karen reported she and Pastor Chris went to BJ's and purchased snack items which were donated to UPMC-Carlisle (all employees). In addition, Pastor Chris and Kirk delivered pizza to the Carlisle Police Department, and Pastor Chris and Dave Rohrer delivered pizza to the EMS station.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mak had nothing to report.

Pat suggested we schedule a meeting for early June, via Zoom, to include new Consistory members. She will notify us of date and time.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen F. Byers, Secretary