

First Evangelical and Reformed Church Consistory Meeting

Monday, September 11, 2017 7:00PM

Consistory President Alicia Moor called the 12 members present to order with prayer. It was announced that Gloria Moening is in the hospital with possible gall stones. No one has minutes from last month's meeting except Patricia Offenbacher. She left the meeting to go to the office to copy it for everyone.

Treasurer Report was given by Rex Maurer. Stands approved as read.

There was no Trustee Report.

Elder Ted Nusbaum advised that work is underway for getting both an Interim Pastor and a new Pastor. Elders have been discussing Catechism and Childrens' Sunday School. We'll need to discuss it with Sunday School Cabinet. We've also been mulling over getting a Praise Band together. Alter Communion is Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> with a walk through on September 24<sup>th</sup>. A couple of families have requested the church have a Baptism in an upcoming service. Taminka Malloy stated her daughter Ariana has questioned about being baptized.

Deacon President Patricia Offenbacher advised that Jan Lautzenheiser resigned. We are one deacon short. There is a possibility Cathy Gladfelter will be returning. Chris Few has stepped into Cathy's role as Vice President of Deacons.

Now back to the secretary report. Minutes were passed out. Chris Hoff read aloud last month's minutes. Taminka Mallory motioned to add to the report that we asked Pastor Balicki to seek therapy but he refused. Chris Hoff seconded. Eleanor Brown motioned to change the wording about the "attendance has dropped over half since the pastor took over" to "attendance had a significant drop". Ted Nusbaum seconded. Minutes were accepted with the corrections.

Secretary's note: I believe Eleanor's motion cannot be changed due to it was within the statement Barbara Blackburn read to Consistory.

Spiritual Committee had a list of upcoming events. October 8<sup>th</sup> is Auction Dinner following the morning service with lunch in between. Melissa Offenbacher will provide meat for sandwiches. Everyone else is asked to bring a covered dish. Menus need to be in by September 17<sup>th</sup>. November 4<sup>th</sup> will be a Harvest Party possibly at a shelter house. It will include games and hotdogs. November 19<sup>th</sup> will be decorating for Harvest. December 16<sup>th</sup> we will be filling Christmas Baskets for the Shut-ins with delivery of the baskets on December 17<sup>th</sup> while Christmas Caroling.

Benevolent Committee would like to make a donation for Hurricane Relief. Not sure through whom. Chris Hoff suggested Samaritan Purse.

There was no old business.

New business included the appointment of a new VP of Consistory. The new VP is Chris Hoff. Ted Nusbaum motioned to dedicate the church nursery to Joan Haines. Taminka Malloy seconded. Motion

carried. Patricia Offenbacher stated that since Joan's death the Nursery Helper List will stand as is with a deacon in charge as second person. Charles Chevront discussed our church becoming a "Partner Church" with Wheelhouse Ministries. This organization is headed by Jenny and Larry Cress. Charles was asking us to help with money or refer people to them. The referred person has to help refurbish the bike, taking 2 to 3 hours, which in turn would build a relationship. Charles Chevront motioned for our church to become a "Partner Church" donating \$30 a month toward bikes. Patricia Offenbacher seconded. Motion carried. Ted Nusbaum motioned to collect loose offering on Sunday October 1st and 8<sup>th</sup> for hurricane relief to be announced 2 weeks prior. Charles Chevront seconded. Motion carried. Charles Chevront advised that our church is involved in Revive Ohio/Allen County. It's not just September 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. It will continue on a monthly basis to pray and continue street ministry. Training on how to listen, witness and lead to the Lord will be at Lima Baptist. Beverly Snook said Advent is Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sherri Maurer motioned to have it directly after Church. Taminka Malloy seconded. Beverly will provide the meat with everyone else asked to bring a covered dish. Other details will be coming. Motion carried. Beverly Snook and Eleanor Brown will head the committee. Decorating of the sanctuary will be performed by Faith Rapp with Beverly Snook taking care of the candles and balcony.

Ted Nusbaum motioned to adjourn. Eleanor Brown seconded. Motion carried. We then closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherri Maurer, Volunteer Secretary