

## Spiritual Life Meeting Sept 16, 2021

Members present: Bonnie Schafer, Gail McGrady, Becky Custer, Sharon McFarland, Alice Frederick, Karen Gerber, Pastor Will arrived late

Meeting opened with devotion and prayer by Karen

Bills - none

### Old Business

1. Sanctuary lighting, media, and sound
  - Estimate for moving and wiring of sound board to the rear- Karen will contact Jamie Jansen to give us a quote
  - Glass windows – Scott Lechner working on a quote
  - Gary is doing a great job with the online streaming of the service.
2. Covid precautions
  - Consistory passed our recommendation and Pastor Will is going to use the “all call system” to notify the congregation
3. In person worship
  - Numbers staying in the 30’s. I informed the committee that Consistory is planning a Congregational Meeting on September 26 after church and 42 active members are needed for a quorum. We will be voting on a slate of officers and revisions to the constitution.
4. Organist/pianist
  - Presently we are paying \$150.00
  - Jeff Sibert is willing to split the month with Holly. I haven’t discussed this with Holly yet
  - After discussion it was a consensus that we like the variety of music so everyone is in favor of keeping both Holly and Jeff at \$150.00/Sunday and that some kind of a yearly contract is needed.
5. Fall Festival
  - Dinner – planning on preparing 225-250 dinners depending on pre-sale. 45 to date
  - Advertising – Jackie Schlemmer had signs made for the front yard. Jenny has notified the Canton Repository and they will run an article for free. I am unable to find the sign that Becky had made a few years ago.
  - Rummage sale – items are coming in, we are trying to air the room out. We would like to set it up outside (weather permitting), we will need to secure some canopies. People have been complaining about the steps.
  - Becky Custer discussed with me earlier about having Steve Tewy set up a flag display for the day. He will set up 2-5 days before Fall Festival. Personal donation will be made to cover the expense. All agreed this would be very nice and draw attention to the church.

## New Business

### 1. Welcome Center

- Consistory has asked our committee to discuss what exactly is needed for the welcome center. It needs to be portable and include the "media center", which would be a place for the sound and audio equipment to be located.
- Discussion was held and the committee felt this isn't a priority project until we see what the 2022 budget looks like, but to get a quote on something constructed of cheaper material or by time donated by a church member. Karen will look into these suggestions for next meeting.

### 2. 2022 Budget

- Add Gary Bickel; 52 Sundays in 2022 minus 12 (pd for by CE) = 40 Sundays 2hrs each @\$15.00hr equals \$1200.00. Extra streamed services to be negotiated as they come up (such as Holidays).
- Music 52 Sundays plus Christmas Eve and Easter Sunrise = 54 @ \$150.00 = \$8,100.00
- All areas of our budget was discussed. Alice made a motion to recommend our 2022 budget of \$10,927.00 to the Finance and Stewardship committee. Second by Bonnie Schafer. Motion passed.

### 3. Replacing retired committee members – we will discuss this at next month's meeting because this hinges on the decisions made on Constitution changes at the Congregational meeting. Gail will stay on if we need her.

### 4. The suggestion was brought up that if Fundraisers are needed to help meet the budget or for special projects that smaller, more frequent events, would be easier managed. The committee agreed.

## Pastor's Time

- Our Stewardship Drive will start October 17 and run for 5 weeks. He plans on having 4 lay persons from the congregation give the sermon during this time. He has secured 2 persons at present.
- First Sunday of Advent is November 21 and he is still working on a theme and Advent book.

Next meeting October 21, 2021

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Gerber, Chairperson