

Richville United Church of Christ Consistory Minutes
Date: December 5, 2022

Members Present: Larry Bates, Karen Gerber, Steve Gerber, Nancy Jedel, Debbie Ciesielczyk, Gary Mulheim, Elizabeth Whitaker, Bonnie Willis, Bonnie Schafer and Pastor Will Stuart.

Members Absent: Alisha Dennis, Tom Trotter and Jackie Schlemmer

Guests: Scott Lechner

Meeting Called to Order: Gary Mulheim

Opening Devotions: Pastor Will

Debbie Ciesielczyk will take the meeting minutes in the absence of the Consistory Secretary, Alisha Dennis.

Minutes of Last Meeting Stand Approved with additions.

Treasurer's Report – Filed for Audit

General Fund	Current Year to Date	Current Month
Beginning Balance	\$55,095.67	\$44,446.08
RECEIPTS:		
Financial Sec Deposits	\$179,582.68	\$14,494.22
Transfers In From Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest/Refunds	\$23.09	\$1.73
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Expenses	(\$133,017.69)	(\$9,641.87)
Transfers To Funds	(\$53,507.31)	(\$1,121.72)
Ending Balance	\$48,176.44	\$48,176.44
Appropriated Not Used:		
Outreach Monies	\$6,073.01	\$6,073.01
COGS Funds	\$1,385.50	\$1,385.50
Total Appropriated:	\$7,458.51	\$7,458.51
Available Balance:	\$40,717.93	\$40,717.93

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Written report submitted. Working on the children's skit and songs.

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP: Written report submitted. Audit team needs to set a date with Steve to audit the books.

MEMORIAL: Written report submitted. Received memorials from the Lautensleger family to spend as Consistory sees a need.

OUTREACH: Written report submitted. Nancy will get with Perry Helping Perry to find out Christmas need. School supply donation box will also be available. Breakfast with Santa is this Saturday, December 10th.

PARISH/PASTOR RELATIONS: No written report submitted. Bonnie included information from Spire Center for educational opportunities to attend either virtually or in person.

PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE: No written report submitted. Larry Bates reported the lawn tractor will be taken for service.

SPIRITUAL LIFE: Written report submitted.

PASTOR'S TIME: Written report submitted. Would like to schedule a date for the Leadership retreat for long range planning and O & A.

Visits/Counseling Sessions 10

Communion (off site) 1

Hospital Visits 12

Nursing Home Visits 4

Funerals (off-site/non-member) 1

OLD BUSINESS: None

OPEN BUSINESS: Leadership Retreat is scheduled for Friday, February 24 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm with dinner and continuing Saturday, February 25 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon with breakfast included. Minutes from the combined Spiritual Life and Pastor Parish meeting on November 17, 2022 were reviewed and discussed. Any changes that members would like to make to the worship service, according to Article 14 of the Constitution and By-Laws, must be taken to Spiritual Life Committee for discussion and approval. Bonnie Willis made a motion and Elizabeth Whitaker seconded to position the American flag and Christian flag on the floor level of the sanctuary before the service begins on Memorial Day, July 4th and Veteran's Day. All other days the flags will be displayed in the back of the sanctuary. 8 yea, 1 nay. Motion carried. Steve Gerber made a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Whitaker, to present to the congregation at the January annual meeting for a vote the addition of ARTICLE XVII Display of Flags – Richville United Church of Christ displays the Christian flag and the flag of the United States of America as a symbol of our belief that God is central to *everything* in our lives.

"Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" can only be achieved by "loving our God with all of our hearts, souls, minds and strength" and likewise "loving our neighbor as we love ourselves". Bonnie Willis requested an amendment to the motion to change the word "symbol" to "reminder". Steve Gerber agreed to amend the motion. Motion carried. This item will need to be placed on the January annual meeting agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 2, 2023

DEVOTIONS BY: Debbie Ciesielczyk

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Debbie Ciesielczyk and Bonnie Willis

Minutes respectfully submitted by Debbie Ciesielczyk, Finance and Stewardship Chairperson.