

CONSISTORY MEETING SYNOPSIS
November 10, 2009

Present: The Rev. Dr. Charles Wiessner, Elders David Francis, Ron Hamm, Bill Kalsbeek, Deacons Brooke Johnson, Mike Shafer, and Clerk Liz White. Excused: Elders Chris Forte and Ed Matson

Motions passed during the meeting:

Approval of agenda, approval of three sets of minutes, acceptance of treasurer's report, repair of HVAC System, and adjournment.

Items of note

Treasurer's report showed that there was more outgoing than incoming for the month of October.

Main discussion pertained to the FRCC and ICC arrangement. Feedback Consistory members received, philosophical/theological issues from the feedback, plan of action before Sunday, issues for upcoming joint meeting, and miscellaneous items were the main topics.

From the discussions, Consistory sees the need for better communication to the congregation and one step is putting a summary of the monthly meeting on our website each month.

Next month Consistory will revisit the Safety Committee and find ways to get it moving forward as it appears to have stalled.

From Stewardship - Consecration Sunday will be November 15. Planning-to-give forms will be distributed and received that day. Hard copies of the budget will be made available to congregation members who want one.

From Worship - A baptism was requested for Sunday, November 22 (baptism was approved at September 8 meeting). Consistory was fine with that date. Communion will be served November 29 (beginning of Advent) and January 3. A Blue Christmas Service is scheduled for December 20.

From Building & Grounds - Clean-up day November 14 to replace light bulbs that need special equipment for access and repair the wooden cross outside. The cross will be the focal point for the planned prayer garden and memorial funds will be used for some of the work. The HVAC system has failed again. The repair will be \$3,500 (\$3,100 is for the part and shipping of same).

From Education - The Sunday School Christmas program will be December 12, followed by a potluck dinner.

From Fellowship - A luncheon will be held this coming Sunday (15th). The shopping trip fell through because not enough people signed up. There will be a cookie exchange next month. So far no one has stepped forward to organize a caroling event for next month.

From Mission - The November mission is for continued support of our RCA missionaries in eastern Europe. No details about next month yet. Operation Christmas Child had all 50 boxes picked up. Filled boxes must be returned no later than November 22. Ron is trying to get in touch with a gentleman he met at CROP walk about possibly helping with a Habitat house.