

**CONSISTORY MEETING MINUTES
NEW HACKENSACK REFORMED CHURCH
JUNE 21, 2011**

The monthly meeting of the Consistory of the New Hackensack Reformed Church was held on June 21, 2011 and was called to order by Pastor Keith Tamlyn at 7:03 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

ELDERS: Bill Bogle, Roger Eddy, Pam Kara, Wayne Lunstead, Sharon Myers Hoffman, Sherry Seney, and Roe Summers

DEACONS: Jerry Carey, Frank Darrow, Ann Martin, Paul Secor, and Van Stringham

EXCUSED: Sue Iannucci, Mary Mantilla, Laurel Morschhauser, and Tom Soricelli

SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS: A motion was made by Sharon Myers-Hoffman seconded by Van Stringham to seat Jan Fritzingler with all in favor.

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Pastor Keith Tamlyn for Mary Mantilla in her absence

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Pam Kara seconded by Paul Secor to accept the agenda with the addition of Jan Fritzingler sharing her journey with us and Van Stringham sharing his comments just before adjournment.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

- Keith Tamlyn mentioned that many young people graduating were receiving awards tonight and that is why Sue Iannucci and Mary Mantilla could not be present.
- Roger Eddy asked for prayers for those in peril across the country from the fires, floods and tornados especially those in his hometown of Omaha, Nebraska. He said that it is the worst flooding there since 1982. Van Stringham asked if there are any Reformed Church Ministry services for these people and Roger said that he would watch for a general appeal.
- Ann Martin thanked everyone who sent cards to the Lanni family. They received 1100 cards and are trying to cope with their loss.
- Sharon Myers-Hoffman mentioned that she appreciated Bill and Karin Bogle's help in setting up communion.
- Pam Kara asked for prayers of healing for Bob's skin cancer that had been removed but isn't healing.
- Sherry Seney asked for prayers as the president is putting plans together to expedite the removal of troops from Afghanistan.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 24, 2011 MEETING:

A motion was made by Roe Summers to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2011 meeting seconded by Jerry Carey with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ann Martin read letters from the following:

1. Personal thank you from Michael Murphy, Executive Director of Hospice for our generous donation.
2. The Food Pantry at Zion Episcopal Church.
3. Rural & Migrant Ministry for our gift of \$550 and our faithful support and encouragement.
4. Kairos, thanking us for being a partner who has taken time to help build Christ's Kingdom by bringing His light of love, forgiveness, and new life inside one of the darkest places on earth – prison.
5. Hospice Foundation, Inc. for our generous donation of \$1,626 to their agency.
6. Dutchess Outreach, Inc. for our gift of \$1,626 an Easter donation for the Lunch Box.

Ann mentioned that all organizations are appreciative for all that we are able to do for them.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Rev. Keith Tamlyn

Rev. Tamlyn mentioned that he is very grateful to everyone for their support during the past several months with all the challenges and the number of deaths and funerals or memorial services.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Roger Eddy

Roger gave the following information regarding the Consistory Terms:

Elders - These people wish to be re-elected - Sherry Seney, Rosemary Summers and Wayne Lunstead.

Mary Mantilla does not wish to be re-elected.

The following have one or more years remaining and have not asked to resign – Bill Bogle, Pam Kara, Sharon Myers-Hoffman, and Roger Eddy.

Deacons - Van Stringham will retire to Great Consistory after serving 6 years on Consistory.

Sue Iannucci does not wish to be re-elected.

Jerry Carey wishes to be re-elected.

Tom Soricelli has not responded.

The following have one or more years remaining in their term and none have asked to Resign - Ann Martin, Paul Secor, Laurel Morschhauser and Frank Darrow.

According to Harold's (Oakhill) plan looking at the above, we will be one short of the 14 Elders and Deacons needed. Roger said that we should start looking for another Deacon now and perhaps we can have the election in July. We would like to have the election on July 24th or 31st which will give enough time before our meeting in August as we need three week's notice before installation.

It was mentioned that a letter was received from Janet N. Bass on behalf of the Boy Scout Troop 56 stating that for the past 50 years the New Hackensack Reformed Church and Boy Scout Troop 56 have had a special relationship in that this troop was the very first to be formed in the area and NHRC has been its Charter Organization. She stated that "Unfortunately, Troop 56, like other Boy Scout Troops in the area, found it too difficult to continue to recruit boys due to the overwhelming time commitment to school, sports and other various activities and had to be disbanded on December 31, 2010". She thanked NHRC for the wonderful place to call home for such a long time. She stated that when a Troop is disbanded the Charter Organization becomes the owner of any assets the boys may have. After a discussion with Rev. Tamlyn and other members of the congregation, they would like permission to donate this equipment to a Troop in Carmel, N.Y. This is where the scoutmaster, Rich Granata as well as several other scouts has joined. It was mentioned that there were some tents, cooking equipment, canoes and trailers to be considered. A motion was made by Pam Kara seconded by Bill Bogle that we should donate the Equipment to the Troop in Carmel. All were in favor. Roger Eddy will contact Janet Bass with our approval.

Rev. Tamlyn mentioned that it was a great achievement for 3 boys in one family to attain their Eagle Scout Award. A motion was made by Roe Summers seconded by Wayne Lunstead that the Bass boys be honored sometime in the summer for their achievement. All were in favor.

A discussion took place regarding the bulletin board and the canoe paddles in fellowship hall and it was decided that they should stay there as part of the Church history.

JAN FRITZINGER was seated and gave a short presentation on her challenges during her time at New Brunswick. She mentioned that she will be in her senior year and will graduate in May of 2012. It was noted that we have 4 sons and a daughter of the church who have been called i.e. David Willerup, Scott Brown, David Jones, Jeff Neevel and now Jan.

OLD BUSINESS

It was mentioned that the Defensive Driving Classes that were held at the Church and led by Jose Ramos went well with about 35 people from our church attending.

We have received a proposal from Jose Ramos to use our facility to offer the program to the residents of the Wappingers Falls area and surrounding communities. The class would be held twice a month either on a 1 day 6 hour session or a two day 3 hour session each day. The dates and times would be based on the room availability. The NSC (National Safety Council) would compensate the church for the usage of the space and electricity. Thirty (\$30.00) dollars for a class of 7 students or forty (\$40.00) dollars for a class of 8 students. After a discussion, Pam Kara made a motion to allow the NSC to hold monthly meetings and the use of Room 7 for a Defensive Driving Course with Jose Ramos as instructor. The motion was seconded by Bill Bogle with all in favor.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC - Roger Eddy

Roger mentioned that the minutes of the Worship and Music Council had been forwarded prior to this meeting. He sent around a sheet for communion servers and Paul Secor sent around a sheet for people to sign up to assist during worship.

Roger stated that we now have an application from Samantha Fay from John Jay High school for the Kelly music scholarship. He stated that he has received several great comments about her and that she is planning on attending Crane School of Music in Potsdam, N.Y. He mentioned that he has received an e-mail vote from the worship council to approve this scholarship award.

Last month we voted to purchase new hymnals "Sing a New Creation" and they have arrived. During the summer, they will be opened and stamped.

It was mentioned that Rod and Karen MacLeod will be taking the summer months off and we will be having Louis Rizzo and Sue Iannucci play. Karen MacLeod will be interviewing someone to fill in the open weeks.

In a review of the worship schedule for the summer, it was noted that we will have Rev. Don Heringa with us for 3 weeks and Jan Fritzinger will be preaching for 2 weeks.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION- Roe Summers

Roe mentioned that the minutes of the Committee had been forwarded prior to the meeting and the greatest concern for the Christian Education Committee was for the Youth Program and Sunday School. She mentioned that she just found out that Alex Gilchrist is working on a project and hopes to come to the Christian Education meeting by the end of the summer. Alex attended a seminar recently in Princeton and will come to the August Council meeting.

Sherry Seney mentioned a decline in the youth programs. She also said that she is not doing a summer class.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE - Jerry Carey, Frank Darrow and Van Stringham

A discussion was held regarding contacting the Correctional Services women's detainees to do work around our facility. Jerry has looked into this and has received the list of guidelines. He said that we have to make up a specific list of what we want them to do. i.e. painting, staining, cleaning carpets, strip floors etc. He also said that there is no fee involved. He said that there is no interaction with the people only with the officers. Sharon Myers-Hoffman mentioned that it would not be good to have them here when we have our summer camp or nursery school. Frank Darrow said that most of the detainees are short term people and not convicted of vicious crimes. After a discussion, a motion was made by Jerry Carey on behalf of the property committee to approve having the Dept. of Correctional Service women come in to perform maintenance work during times when youth groups and nursery school/camps are not in session. This was seconded by Bill Bogle with all in favor.

OUTREACH - Ann Martin

Ann mentioned that we still need volunteers for July, August and September for the Homeless Shelter.

Birthday Dessert went well.

There will be a planning meeting on July 12 for RCWM. We have been involved in the Christmas Play and Candlelight Dessert, Birthday Dessert, Food Pantry drive on the 1st Sunday of each month and the Tag Sale which brought in \$720.18 and was a lot of work. They also need to decide on their mission projects.

A new program that they would like to do is "Adopt a Thon for ASPCA". After a discussion a motion was made by Ann Martin to approve Outreach to hold an SPCA Adopt a Thon in late September-early October. We would request that Arlene Baressi or Gretchen Carpenter be there as our contacts. The date may not interfere with other activities on the Church calendar. The motion was seconded by Pam Kara with all in favor.

They mentioned that they would like to start a Christian Women's Social group. Some of the things that they might like to do are going to dinner together, doing book discussions, seeing shows together, etc. Rev. Tamlyn said that he would support this.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE -

The minutes for the Congregational Life Committee were forwarded prior to the meeting.

Please note that there is a sign- up sheet in the gathering area for a Renegades baseball game on July 23rd. We need a minimum of 15 people to reserve seats. PLEASE SIGN UP NOW!!

There has been a request to have the lemonade on the lawn changed to the Gathering Area because of the heat and the fact that there are no seats there. This was approved.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE- No report, they did not meet.

PERSONNEL - Nothing at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE- Sharon Myers-Hoffman

Everyone received a copy of the current treasurer's report and it shows that we are right on target in both income and expenses.

MUSLIM/CHRISTIAN RELATIONS - Ann Martin

Ann mentioned that on Sunday night we have invited several members of the Muslim Church to come to our church. We will serve a dinner of baked ziti and salad and then gather in our sanctuary. So far those coming are Sherry Seney, Van Stringham, Jackie and Jerry Carey, Roe Summers, Ann Martin and Alex Gilchrist.

VAN STRINGHAM. Van mentioned that he will be leaving Consistory for the Greater Consistory. He mentioned that it has been an honor for him to serve. He said that he went through some emotional times with the downsizing but he has learned the value of listening to other people.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Consistory Meeting	Summer Meeting – August 30 @ 6 p.m. (Invitations will be sent)
Opening Prayer	Rev. Tamlyn
Closing Prayer	Pam Kara
Refreshments	Rev. Tamlyn
Councils/Committees	July or August – Please meet once.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. on a motion by Pam Kara seconded by Sherry Seney with all in favor.

CLOSING PRAYER - Jerry Carey

REFRESHMENTS - Bill Bogle and Sharon Myers-Hoffman

LOCK UP -

JULY, 3, 10, 17	Roe Summers, back up Sharon Myers Hoffman
JULY 24, 31	Sharon Myers-Hoffman, back up Roe Summers
AUGUST 7, 14	Wayne Lunstead; back up Laurel Morschhauser
AUGUST 21, 28	Laurel Morschhauser, back up Wayne Lunstead.

Respectfully submitted: Peggy Roe, Clerk of Consistory

