

# Hopkins Community Church

## Consistory Meeting Minutes

### January 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM

**Members Present:** Pastor Jon, Pastor Jim, Dick Boverhof, Sally Burgess, Kyle Hoffmaster, Dan Kisner, Curt Leep, Troy Clement, Joel Eding, Mike Maule, Tyler VanderSyde.

**Members Absent:** Rich Huizinga, Eric Porter.

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Jon

**Devotions/ Meditation:** Matthew 9:35-38 (The Workers Are Few); Matthew 28:18-20 (Great Commission); Acts 1:8. Passages were read and then district partners discussed what they felt the Holy Spirit was saying to them through these verses and then had a time of sharing those thoughts together as a Consistory.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to accept agenda made by Sally B; supported by Kyle H; all in favor.

**Approval of December 2020 Minutes:** Motion to accept minutes made by Kyle H; supported by Sally B; all in favor.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **God Dreams Vision Presentation (Pastor Jon)**

Pastor Jon provided an overview of the retreat and an explanation of the vision of HCC along with looking at each of the steps for that 7-year vision. We will plan to talk about this vision at each of the Consistory meetings going forward, keeping us focused, accountable and centered on our vision and purpose.

##### **Rectify Request by Rev. Sarah (Farkas) Lindstrom**

Pastor Sarah was invited to speak to the Consistory regarding a list of needs she has for a home that was purchased to provide temporary housing for men who are transitioning out of jail and in need approved, temporary housing. An older home on Pine Street in Allegan was purchased and Pastor Sarah indicated that they are seeking individuals with various skill levels who would be willing to volunteer to help them with their time, talent, skill, etc. The goal is to provide a home that the men are proud to live in and that they would be able to gain a sense of belonging while they receive mentoring and work to acclimate back into society. The Consistory will be considering ways in which we can help Rectify and discuss this further. Pastor Jon thanked Pastor Sarah for presenting these needs to our church and offered prayer for the ministry and for Pastor Sarah as she works to see this vision become a reality for these men.

##### **Conceal Carry Statement (presented for review and reaffirmation)**

Pastor Jon presented a recap of our Conceal Carry Statement that was drafted in 2018 as a refresher and information for new members. Dan Kisner read the statement to the Consistory as information. To summarize, if an active, confessing members possesses a concealed carry permit and has a CPL they would be allowed to carry on church grounds provided they register with our security team. We have approximately a half-dozen registered members. General consent was voiced by all.

##### **Spiritual Gifts and Enneagram Commentary (Pastor Jon)**

Review of the spiritual gifts and Enneagram assessments taken by each Consistory member (see handouts). Pastor Jon recommended a good book, "Self to Lose, Self to Gain" to those who might be interested in some further reading. It's good for review and to learn how each of us are wired with personality traits and gifts.

##### **Constitutional Inquiry Form 2020**

Pastor Jon guided the Consistory through answering the questions on the Constitutional Inquiry Form that we are to provide to our Classis annually that is due by February 12, 2021. Following the meeting, Pastor Jon requested that an elder be present to sign the Salary & Retirement waiver form for both pastors to also submit to Classis.

##### **2020 Year End Financial Recommendations**

Pastor Jon presented the Consistory with a list of recommendations that he and Kathy had discussed following the 2020 year-end report. Recommendations were based on input provided by the deacons in 2020 and our previous years' processes.

**R1 – To Transfer \$3,000 to a "Church Van" designated Fund for the 2020 fiscal year from the "General Fund Checking Account". Motion by Mike M; supported by Troy C; all in favor.**

**R2 – To move \$12,021.59 from the "Community Assistance Fund" designated fund to the "H.E.L.P. Fund" Motion by Dick B; supported by Tyler V; all in favor.**

**General Fund Checking Account as of 12/31/2020: \$114,846.13**

**R3** – To set the operating baseline level of the “General Fund Checking Account” to \$60,000 leaving a “surplus” of \$51,846.13 in the “General Fund Checking Account”. **Motion by Sally B; supported by Kyle H; all in favor.**

**R4** – To Tithe \$5,200 to the “H.E.L.P. Fund” from the “General Fund Checking Account”.  
**Motion by Sally B; supported by Dick B; all in favor.**

**R5** – To move \$5,000 into a “Kingdom Growth” Designated Fund from the General Fund Checking Account for the purposes of vision implementation. **To be discussed by the Deacons.**

**R6** – To move \$41,646.13 from the “General Fund Checking Account” to the “Surplus Funds (Year End)” designated Fund. Will also move **\$5,000 from R5** to be held in the Surplus Funds account, pending a decision by the Deacons. **Motion by Sally B; supported by Kyle H; all in favor.**

**Surplus Funds (Year End) amount as of 12-31-2020: \$45,516.93**

**Surplus Funds (Year End) balance as of 1-18-2020: \$92,163.06**

**R7** – Transfer \$40,000 from the “Surplus Funds (Year End)” designated fund to the “Capital Improvement” designated fund and to revert 2021 quarterly payments to \$3,000 per quarter.  
**Motion by Kyle H; supported by Mike M; all in favor.**

**R8** – Make a principal payment on the HCC loan in the amount of \$30,000.  
**Motion by Mike M; supported by Kyle H; all in favor.**

**R9** – To transfer \$2,741.05 from the “Memorial Funds” designated fund into the “Kingdom Growth” Designated Fund and to further direct all future memorial donations to this Designated Fund.  
**To be discussed by the Deacons.**

**R10** – To save the remaining funds (\$17,163.06) in the “Surplus Funds (Year End) fund for potential 2021 unforeseen expenses. **No motion needed on this recommendation.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**COVID-19 Response Reflection and Continuing Action**

**Sunday Worship Precautions**

- Attendance in person has increased as we’ve gone back to our original reopening plan with masks optional (170+ on Sunday, 35-40 on Facebook and YouTube livestream).
- All are good with what we are doing; Pastor Jon will send out a reminder of this again to the congregation via the HCC Informer.

**Discipleship Hour (Curt Leep)**

- Carrie Mulder would very much like to restart Discipleship Hour/Sunday School but is hesitant yet.
- She has already talked with some of the teachers and concerns are there, both for health but also for the numbers and whether some classes would even have attending students.
- Parent feedback back in November was about 50/50. There does not seem to be much urgency in returning to the regular classes just yet.
- Pastor Jon could send out another survey for parents with kids in that age range to see if that has changed.
- Online curriculum option was discussed and well-received by the Consistory. Pastor Jon to pursue this option using the curriculum we already had purchased for this year. Families could do this at home with parental involvement and instruction.

**Coffee Fellowship**

- Requests to have coffee provided again after the worship service have been voiced to several Consistory members in recent weeks.
- General consensus and approval given by all.
- Dick Boverhof will talk this over with Carol, who has handled the coffee serving schedule.  
**Motion by Troy to resume coffee and cookies on Sundays as soon as possible; supported by Kyle H; all in favor.**

## **Building Use**

- No requests have been made by anyone to use our building/facility in 2021.
- Red Cross Blood Drives have been approved and scheduled through January 2022.
- Consensus that things are fine and to keep it "as is" for now.

## **MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS**

### **Elders' Report**

Membership gathering will be taking place on Sunday, February 21 for potential interested new members (Pastries With The Pastor).

One person was led to Jesus (a new believer) a couple of weeks ago and this was celebrated in the meeting!

### **Deacon's Report**

**Assistance Request Follow-up:** Troy read a thank you note received from Bob and Jen Kerber to HCC for the donation that was given to a fellow firefighter who was in need of some help with bills following a battle with Covid. They hand delivered the donation and the gentleman was deeply appreciative and moved by our church's gift and support.

**HELP Fund Request:** Carol Boverhof presented a request for the family of Mitch Panches, who is a community member and was seriously injured in an automobile accident a few weeks ago. She would like to put together a gift basket from HCC to be given to the family that includes a few things for their two young children as well as some gift cards for gasoline, restaurants, etc. Permission given by Consistory to allow Carol to spend up to \$500 from the HELP Fund to do this. **Motion made by Dick B; supported by Mike M; all in favor.**

**Signature Card:** the bank signature card will need to be updated. Joel Eding is already an authorized signer, and we will be adding Troy Clement. Kathy will contact the bank to arrange to update the signature card by removing those who no longer need to be signers and adding Troy's name to the card.

**Count Team:** Troy would like to know if they may add additional people to the count team based on requests received from a couple people who expressed a willingness to help out. Discussion on who can be added (member? Non-member?) and if that was approved. Suggestion made that it would be a good idea having one currently serving Deacon counting every Sunday along with one additional person and that person does not need to be a current Deacon or have served as a Deacon previously.

### **Finance Report**

The December 2020 and Year-End 2020 financial reports have been completed.

### **Property Team**

We do need a working Property Team and Kevin Dewey will be working on this. The goal is to establish a group of people with various skills who will be able to help with different projects or building needs that arise. They can work with and assist Kevin as needed, when needed. This is one of the goals Kevin will be working toward in his second year as Facilities Manager. Troy Clement will be the contact person on Consistory to work with Kevin and be the go-to person for Kevin this year.

### **Round Table**

Pastor Jon went around the table to see if anyone had any additional comments, questions, concerns. It was noted 47 people are signed up for Rooted (small groups) that starts up later this week. This is wonderful and exciting!

**Motion made to adjourn meeting:** Mike M.

**Motion supported:** Sally B.

**All in favor.**

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:15 PM

**Next Meeting:** February 15, 2020 at 6:00 PM

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Jim

Minutes submitted by Kathy Westendorp