

St Jacob United Church of Christ
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2023

Council President Andy Schreiber called the meeting to order. He thanked outgoing council members for their service and welcomed new members.

A motion to accept the 2022 Annual Meeting minutes and Financial reports as printed was made by George Anderson and seconded by Don Yann. All in favor and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS FROM THE 2021 ANNUAL MINUTES

Church Roof – The roof on the church was replaced in late 2021.

Sunday School – Sunday school has been meeting twice a month for the 2022/2023 Sunday school year. We are pleased to continue to offer Sunday school here at our church.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor's Lounge – The old Sunday school room across from the pastor's office has been converted to a meeting room. Outlets were repaired and light switch that were coming out of the walls and the room was repainted. Windows have been replaced in this room and across this part of the building. Flooring was also replaced and across this part of the building. Furniture was acquired and final touches are being completed for this informal room to meet. Many thanks to Kay Guse for heading this significant project.

Church Directory – A new very nice updated Church Directory was completed. Many thanks to our Church Secretary, Ed Ferguson who took professional quality pictures and organized the booklets and had printed. Copies are available in the entrance to Heritage Hall.

Church Bulletins – You may notice a change in the bulletins in the next few weeks. The company that presently produces the blanks has stopped producing them and we will be making them ourselves; we may be experimenting over the next few months

Heritage Hall Roof – Ken Frutiger noticed a bulge in the Heritage Hall roof-line. We had it checked out which resulted in a new roof for Heritage Hall; it turns out that the roof had been leaking for awhile and the roofers had to replace approximately 15 sheet of rotten plywood as well.

Sanctuary Christmas Tree – A new smaller Christmas Tree was purchased and the old large tree has a taker, Friedens UCC in Troy.

Confirmation Class – There is an active Confirmation Class; confirmation activities will take place later in the Spring as usual.

Strawberry Festival – Strawberry Festival will be held Sunday, May 21, 2023 in the park. We are going back to the setup that we used for many years. The planning committee expects that we will need to

invite family and friends from outside of our church in order to have enough workers. Think of who you can invite.

Activities and Community Outreach – There were a number of noteworthy for activities and community outreach for the year including:

Strawberry Festival, Summer Lunch Program, VBS, Sunday School, Youth Group

Elf group organized personal care donations drive, made blankets for Shriners Hospital and more (see Elf report).

Monthly food donations to Ministries Unlimited (the need is year around).

Donated to the UCC Camp Dubois Capitol Improvement. In addition to maintenance and repairs, updates are being made to keep up with times at the camp.

Blessing box by Dalton Mersinger for his Eagle project and keeping it filled with food and personal necessities.

Thanksgiving food drive, Christmas gifts for Hoyleton and more...

Good of the Church – Sara Schreiber noted the wrong Elves financial report was provided from 2020 for this meeting. The correct report will be attached with the copy in the church office.

Pastor Phil's Comments – Pastor Phil commented that it was a good year for the church, good ministry in the community. He encouraged to invite people to church. He is excited to see new faces and thanked the congregation for all they do for the church.

Adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Diane Fry and seconded by Kay Guse and Ken Frutiger.

Pastor Phil led the Council in The Lord's Prayer

Minutes submitted by Donna Lowe, Recording Secretary