

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SAUGATUCK
BOARD OF MINISTRY
January 13, 2025

Call to order made by Moderator, Cathy Brockington at 6:31 pm.

Led in devotion and prayer by Pastor Sarah, "Waiting in line" a prayer about anticipation and frustration with unanswered prayer.

Roll call - Present: Cathy Brockington, Phyllis Yff, Wendy Van Tassell, Connie Rusiecki, Dan Mayer, Kristyn Boyce, Kathy Papp and Pat Gentry.

Also present: Pastor Sarah Terlouw, Vicky Boyce and Myrna Dornan.

Absent: David Edwards.

November minutes after the addition of Myrna as Community Life Captain were unanimously approved. Motion by W. VanTassell, second by P. Yff.

Treasurer's report: General Fund as of 12/31/24 - \$3,234. Heritage Fund unrestricted balance up \$22,518. YTD money market transfers \$22,639. As of 12/31, Unrestricted Heritage Fund balance \$116,323. December budgeted expenses were \$16,000, Collections \$9,385. YTD expenses \$1,000 over budget, collections \$721 under budget. Parking lot donations through December: \$12,872. Year-end savings account balances: Building improvement, \$3,973; I heart community, \$746; CE/PF, \$2,174; Love Fund, \$5,106. Memorial Fund, \$3,569. Music fund, \$500.

A request was made by Pastor Sarah to purchase gas and grocery cards, totaling \$400 from the Love fund. Motion, Connie Rusiecki, second by Phyllis Yff. Passed.

No Clerk report.

Public comment - all recipes are in for the cookbook, but layout is still ongoing.

Pastor's report. - Advent review

Will purchase new plastic collars for Candlelight service to replace the paper ones used in the past.

7 week Advent series was appreciated by most of the congregation.

Blue Christmas prayer service was discussed.

Discussion about doing a book study on Hospitality.

2025 Annual theme: Prayer and possibilities - discussion regarding a prayer group Ash Wednesday is March 5, Lenten Soup Suppers to start.

Captain's reports:

Building Captain, Dan Mayer - No report.

Congregational Way Captain, Wendy Van Tassell - created a new bulletin board displaying the 2025 Board of Ministry and their job descriptions.

Stewardship/Missions Captain, Kristyn Boyce - 2025 Missions are:

February, One great hour of sharing for California wildfire relief. Easter, David's House. Summer, Zeeland's City on the hill. September, PanAm Institute in Tijuana. Christmas collection for Christian Neighbors.

Community Life Captain, Pat Gentry- Open House on December 11 at Pastor Sarah and Tim's home was attended and enjoyed by 30 people.

Christian Ed Captain, David Edwards- absent. No report.

Worship Arts Captain, Kristyn Boyce- Pastor Sarah will be off on January 22 and February 5. Guest pastors, Rev. Kate Meyer and Rev Isolde Anderson.

Congregational Care Captain, Connie Rusiecki- No report.

Old Business: - church directory and cook book both need format and layout.

- Discussion regarding the old church sign - further use and/or repair.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm, Kristyn Boyce/Kathy Plapp.