

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SAUGATUCK
BOARD OF MINISTRY
January 8, 2024

Call to order: Moderator Brockington at 6:30pm

Devotional: Rev. Sarah Terlouw

Roll Call - Present: Gentry, Yff, Boyce, T. Terlouw, Brockington, Plapp, Rusiecki **absent:** Jewett

Also Present: Rev. Sarah Terlouw

Minutes: Motion to approve December minutes as written (Yff/Boyce). Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Thank you to Dan Mayer for stepping up musically.

Treasurer Report: General Fund \$6449, December expenses \$18,516, December collections \$14,447, unrestricted endowment fund \$94,082. December capital campaign \$550, total capital campaign \$54,182. Parking lot collections through December are \$13,134. Pastor salary review – evaluating change to self employed in 2024. Motion to review and reconcile prior years salary and determine proper compensation (Gentry/Rusiecki) . Carried unanimously with one abstention (T.Terlouw).

Moderator Report: Christmas Eve candlelight service had 73 in attendance and the AM Christmas eve service had 40 in attendance.

Clerk: Review of 2023 year to be submitted for annual report.

Delegate Report: No Report

Pastor Report: Advent/Christmas worship series will wrap up 1/14. Lots of special music, began passing offering trays again. Motion to adopt “Opening our Doors to Tomorrow” as our 2024 theme (Brockington/Gentry) Carried unanimously. Policy manual announced at annual meeting. Upcoming – Member Directory, Feb 14 Ash Wednesday, Lenten soup suppers, Mar 31 Easter.

Old Business: Captain positions open: Congregational Way & CE partial until 2025, Building until 2026, CE & Worship and Missions until 2027.

Captain Reports

Community Life: There will be a leap year party on Feb 29th featuring Leap Year trivia.

Congregational Care: No report.

Worship Arts: Our Advent activities were great and included decking the halls, family chimes choir, special solo and group singing and 2 Christmas Eve services.

Missions/Stewardship: 2024 Missions will be: February - We Love our Community Fund, March - Easter offering Happy Life Children’s Home in Kenya, Summer – Seafarer’s Friend, November – World

Adoption Day Nov 10, Thanksgiving offering will be for Grant Me Hope (an organization that works to adopt older kids that are often overlooked), Dec and Christmas Eve – Christian Neighbors

Congregational Way: Absent, no report

Building: Drain is unclogged – Congregational ingenuity saves the day. Steps repairs and concrete raising will occur this spring. Front doors repaired – need sign for how to lock and unlock.

New Business: 2024 Theme is noted in Pastor’s report. Discussion regarding Usher training for late comers to service and for taking collections from large groups.

Next meeting: February 12 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Plapp, clerk.