

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SAUGATUCK
BOARD OF MINISTRY
February 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order by our new Moderator, Kristyn Boyce, at 6:31 pm.

Pastor Sarah shared a devotional with us and led us in prayer.

Roll Call: Kristyn B., Wendy VT., Myrna D., Sue N., Linda E., Vicki B., Janna R., Danny M., Connie R.

Also present, Pastor Sarah Terlouw

Absent: David E.

A motion to approve the previous minutes from January 13, 2025 was made by Danny/Linda/passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: As of 1/13/25, we had \$7,696 in our General Fund Checking, compared with last year's \$4,564. Heritage Fund - YTD gain/loss, transfers & expenses has our unrestricted balance up \$476. YTD money market transfers \$10,000. The 1/31 unrestricted Heritage Fund balance is \$116,763. January budgeted expenses are \$9,515, Collections were \$4,689. YTD expenses are \$2,649 under budget; collections are \$3,061 under budget.

Moderator's Report: The Communion sign-up sheet was passed around again. I will publish the list in next month's minutes.

Clerk's Report: None

Congregational Way Delegate: The Congregational Library is offering a Zoom class about Enslavement in the Puritan Village: The Untold History of Sudbury and Wayland, MA by Jane Sciacca on February 20 from 1-2 pm EST.

Pastor's Report: There will be a meeting for those interested in serving on the Prayer & Possibility Group on Saturday, February 22 at 10 am. We will offer Visio Divina again this year on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Lenten Soup Suppers and Book Study will begin on March 12. We discussed which book to use; Pastor Sarah had narrowed it down to four possibilities. After our discussion, we chose Holy Hygge: Creating A Place for People to Gather and the Gospel to Grow. Holy Humor Sunday will be coming up after Easter. We discussed several theme possibilities. Pastor Sarah will make the final decision. Pastor Sarah has contacted Dan, of Pro Audio, to come for a consultation at the end of March to see what can be done to improve our sound for our online worshippers. Currently, any speakers come through well, but singing, chimes or choral group sounds are not heard well online.

Captains Reports:

Building and Grounds - Myrna sent a comprehensive list of things to be done. Dan has already completed some of these and is working on several others. He would prefer to continue asking for volunteers when he needs help, versus paying a professional to do the tasks. The all church spruce-up is scheduled for April 5 from 9 am to whenever.

Christian Ed - Pastor Sarah will meet with David E. to discuss book options for the Lenten study.

Worship Arts - Linda ordered plastic "wax drip catchers" to use on Christmas Eve.

Community Life - We will be having a Lady's Victoria Tea on May 3. Other coming activities are Whitecaps game in June, Scout Day, afternoon retreat, build a float to have in the 4th of July parade, and a trivia night.

Stewardship/Missions - no report

Congregational Care - Sue is planning on meeting with all the Shepherds soon, possibly in March. She wants to put together a visual aid for the Shepherds to follow, including suggestions to help them serve their "sheep". She also would like to put together a binder to assist new shepherds with learning their duties. She will work with the shepherds to make sure we have the correct contact info for all our families.

Women's Fellowship - no report

Old Business:

We are waiting for a new quote for a smaller sign.

New Business:

We are going to change the BOM meeting day to Thursday's, so Pastor Sarah doesn't have a meeting on her day off.

There are currently two weddings for this year that the board approved: one on June 7, one on September 20. The June 7 wedding requested using the parking lot for the reception as well. Their request was approved as long as they leave the parking lot before 9:30 on June 8, to allow parking for our service.

Our new Pastoral Relations Committee members are Kristyn, Linda, and Dan.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:16 pm by Dan/Sue/passed unanimously.

Our next BOM meeting is on Thursday, March 13 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Rusiecki