

First Congregational Church
Saugatuck, Michigan 49453
Board of Ministry Minutes
March 11, 2024

Call to Order: 6:41 pm

Devotional: Rev. Sarah Terlouw read from the Christian Century Magazine an article entitled "Worshipping at the Church of Taylor[Swift]".

Roll Call—Present C. Brockington, P. Gentry, W. Van Tassell, P. Yff, K. Boyce, K. Plapp, Rev. Terlouw Absent—C. Rusecki, D. Mayer, D. Edwards

Public Comment: None

Treasurer's Report—Year to Date Gain/Loss, transferred and expenses have our unrestricted balance up \$11,670. YTD money market transfers are \$0

As of 2/28/24 Unrestricted Heritage Fund Balance is \$105,750. February budgeted expenses are \$15,157 including a \$4100 check for step repair. (Funds from 2023 Capital Campaign) YTD expense are 21% over budget. Collections are at 70% of Budget.

Moderator's Report—Usher training went well after the 3/10/24 service. The information will be put into the Google Document and into next month's newsletter. Heart Safe Holland's next training for CPR will be 3/15 and 4/15.

Clerk's Report: one death—Jim Hensley

Pastor's Report: Ash Wednesday's Vision Divina was unique and well received.

Stations of Peter will be March 28 and 29 (Thursday and Friday) in the chapel.

Holy Humor Sunday is April 7. A Congregational Luau-planning meeting for this is Wednesday, March 20, at 5pm

Safety Sunday is April 28. There will be an AED demonstration during Coffee Hour.

Summer's Mission will be "Seafarer's Friend"

Outdoor Worship will be at "Fellinlove Farm" on June 30.

Community Life—Leap Year Trivia Pot Luck night was fun, with four teams participating. Discussion regarding a Pancake Breakfast on Easter Sunday—instead a breakfast will be on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 9 am (To be discussed further on April 7). Pat will do a newsletter article about the breakfast.

Worship Arts: K. Boyce/D. Mayer No report

Missions: K. Boyce. 24 jars of peanut butter were delivered to Christian Neighbors. The offering on 2/14/24 brought in \$342.00 for the "I Love my Community" fund.

“Fellinlove Farm” is having a garage sale with drop off days on April 4-8. Saugatuck City is sponsoring a Playground Construction Volunteer event on 4/15/24. They have tasks for all abilities.

Congregational Care: C. Rusiecki. The Shepherd’s lists are updated. Connie will have a Shepherds meeting and pass out new lists.

Building Report: .

The Keyless entry request is ongoing.

Christian Education: No Report

Old Business : The front step replacement/repair has been delayed by the cold weather. It will happen when things warm up. All three of the front door steps will be resurfaced. Two sets first and then the third, since no one can walk on the newly repaired steps until everything sets.

New Business: Board approval was granted for both Nyla Hensley’s piano recital on Sunday, May 19, 2024, and The Lakeshore Community Chorus will have a concert on Saturday, May 18. Discussion regarding appliance purchases for the kitchen—a dishwasher and a refrigerator. Cindy Raue and Kathy Plapp are working with The Allegan County Health Department and Northgate Appliance to make sure the appliances will meet the qualifications for our Commercial Kitchen License.

MOTION: To approved the purchase of a fridge and dishwasher for the kitchen and not to exceed \$3200.00. C. Brockington/P. Gentry unanimous.

Motion to adjourn: C Brockington/ K Plapp 8:25 pm.