

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SAUGATUCK
BOARD OF MINISTRY
June 13, 2022

Call to order: Moderator Brockington at 6:40 pm.

Devotional: Pastor Sarah

Present: Rudich, Boyce, Raue, Brockington, T. Terlouw, Gentry, Yff, Rusieski

Absent: Kolev

Minutes: Motion to approve the May 9, 2022 minutes. (Gentry/Rusieski). Unanimous approval.

Public Comment: Thank you notes were received from several of the guest pastors we had during the sabbatical. Thank you to Brad Rudich, get well card to Sandra.

Treasurer Report: As of 5/31/22, there is \$14,118 in the general fund checking. The unrestricted Heritage fund balance is at \$143,803, which is down due to YTD losses & draws. May budgeted expenses were \$7,868 and collections were \$6,087. Parking lot donations through May were \$177.

Moderator Report: No report

Clerk Report: There will a wedding in the church at the end of June. Chris Roth passed away.

Delegate Report: The NACCC meeting will be in Wichita, KS on June 25-28, 2022 in person.

Pastor's Report:

Looking Back: Pastor Sarah shared what she did during her sabbatical. She told us of her experience of going to other Congregational churches and seeing how they were handling their individual challenges. Sunday School attendance seems to be a problem for all of the churches she visited. The sabbatical plan went well in her absence. Connie received a couple of phone calls regarding congregational needs and passed them on to Wendy VanTassel. Amory is looking for a place to stay which might be a challenge due to the amount of rent he can afford to pay. The brunches and welcome baskets were well received by the guest pastors.

Looking Around: The Michigan Congregational Summer Camp has been canceled for this year due to low attendance. Considering doing a survey to gather opinions on possible programming. We will again be advertising for a Student Ministries Director. The installation of the new audio system is coming up and would like to purchase new AV cabinets to hold equipment and possibly other welcome desk materials. Discussion regarding several options. Discussion regarding the possibility of handing out water during the Fourth of July parade.

Looking Ahead: Pastor Sarah has typed up a new copy of the call letter since it had not been updated to include maternity leave or the sabbatical policy. The Pastoral Relations team should review it for accuracy. We would like to relaunch Grilled Cheese Wednesday's this coming school year but need to develop a safety policy for the students and volunteers. A list of possible Capital Campaign building projects is being compiled.

Congregational Care: Handled several congregational needs calls during sabbatical.

Building Updates: The parking lot will be blacktopped and striped on June 20. The new doors will be installed sometime in August. Discussion regarding hiring GMS for outside maintenance. Questions brought up included cost of certain services and the need for chemical fertilizers and weed killers used on the grass. Tabled until more information is gathered.

Christian Ed: Pastor Sarah has found some curriculum for the summer. It will start in the 2nd week of July.

Community Life: Brunches during the sabbatical went well. The potluck for Pentecost went well. The summer picnic will be on July 17 at Fellinlove Farm. Would like to plan a possible spaghetti dinner in the fall, which could possibly tie in with CropWalk.

Worship Arts: The songs for the outdoor service were great. Having trouble coming up with pulpit supply for June 26.

Stewardship & Missions: Took in a bunch of boxes of cereal to Christian Neighbors. The noisy offering collected \$268.30 to support Fellinlove Farms.

Old Business:

Stained Glass Project: Moved the stained glass window for a fee of \$1,797. Will be meeting with Richard Henley to look at the window and get some ideas for the project. We have budgeted \$2,000 from the Memorial Fund for the window project.

Covid Update – Local Cases: Will keep the facemask signs on the doors.

Advertising for Student Ministries Candidate: Covered in the pastors report.

New Business:

Retire Communion Table Bible & Install New One: We have several Bibles on hand that we can use for a new Communion Table Bible. Will come up with a date and a liturgy.

GMS Quote: covered earlier under Building Updates.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Bible Study – Lectio Thursdays at 12:30

Sunday Service – every Sunday in person, rebroadcast online on Wednesdays.

Wine at 5 – Thursday, June 16 at Mitten Brewing.

Next Board of Ministry Meeting – July 11, 2022 at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Janna Rudich, Clerk