

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SAUGATUCK**  
**BOARD OF MINISTRY**  
**July 11, 2022**

**Call to order:** Moderator Brockington at 6:39 pm.

**Devotional:** Pastor Sarah

**Present:** Rudich, Boyce, Raue, Brockington, T. Terlouw, Yff

**Absent:** Kolev, Rusieski, Gentry

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the June 13, 2022 minutes. (Raue/Yff). Unanimous approval.

**Public Comment:** Thank you notes to Tim & Sarah for getting the new sound system up and running. Thank you to Adam & Ryan VanderMolen for mowing the church yard.

**Treasurer Report:** As of 6/30/22, there is \$1,243 in the general fund checking. The unrestricted Heritage fund balance is at \$105,982, which is down due to YTD losses & draws. YTD Money Market transfers are \$15,000. June budgeted expenses were \$11,981 and collections were \$5,450. Parking lot donations through June were \$2,005.

**Moderator Report:** No report.

**Clerk Report:** No report.

**Delegate Report:** Attended the NACCC meeting in Wichita, KS and found it very informative. Gave a report at last week's church service. Ideas from the national meeting should be brought up at the fall planning meeting.

**Pastor's Report:**

**Looking Back:** Discussion regarding ways to keep the 'joys & concerns' somewhat confidential. We want to be careful about sharing information that the person wouldn't want to be public knowledge. Pastor Sarah went through the churches that she visited during her sabbatical and the different ways that they worship and have been coping with the COVID changes. Parkway Electric has installed our new sound system and have run new cables under the sanctuary floor. We also have a new digital mixer and some new microphones. Phil Bryant will be stopping by the church to get ideas for a new cabinet/counter/storage area for the tech equipment.

**Looking Around:** Advertising for a new Student Ministries Director continues but we haven't had a lot of interest. Will be placing an ad in the Holland Sentinel to hopefully get some more visibility. Would like to consider reconfiguring the pew racks or installing new ones. They are getting very full with all of the cards and bookmarks that we'd like to put into them. Discussion regarding purchasing church t-shirts to identify ourselves when we're out in the community doing service projects. Will stop by Sisters in Ink to look at some alternatives.

**Looking Ahead:** Pastor Sarah will be offering a Congregationalism 101 Class at the beginning of September. We would like to relaunch Grilled Cheese Wednesdays but we'll need to explore/develop a safety policy for the students and volunteers before the relaunch. Possibly consult Church Mutual for a template of that kind of policy. Discussion regarding a list of building projects to consider for a Capital Campaign. Some possible ideas: two new benches for the sidewalk, replacing the glass case sign on the

side of the church building, lighting the new yard sign, furnaces & air conditioners, landscaping, rebuild the steps, lightbulb change in the sanctuary, new ceiling tiles in Fellowship Hall, miscellaneous carpentry.

**Congregational Care:** No report.

**Building Updates:** The parking lot has been blacktopped and striped. The new doors will be installed on August 2. Sprinkling system was repaired.

**Christian Ed:** No report.

**Community Life:** The summer picnic will be on July 17 at Fellinlove Farm.

**Worship Arts:** Will have a hymn sing for the August outdoor service. We should assemble a clean-up crew for after the outdoor worship services that is capable of lifting and carrying chairs, etc.

**Stewardship & Missions:** Cereal collection for Christian Neighbors is ongoing.

**Old Business:**

**Stained Glass Project:** Have not been able to contact Richard Henley to look at the window yet. Hopefully he can come during Lectio at Lunchtime to be able to get some ideas from the people who attend that.

**Advertising for Student Ministries Candidates:** Covered in the Pastor's Report.

**GMS Quote:** Have not heard back from GMS probably because it's their busy season. Will be getting a quote from another property management company.

**Retire Communion Table Bible & Install New One:** Still planning on doing this at some point.

**New Business:**

**Crop Walk:** Douglas UCC and our church are the only ones that seem to be interested in participating in Crop Walk. We have some tentative ideas and will continue to plan.

**Church Building Usage:** Uncle Rocco's had been renting space from the church in previous years but as of now seem to have stopped operating their business. They still have quite a few supplies and pans that are being stored at the church. They will be contacted to come and pick up their things if they don't wish to continue renting space.

**Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

Bible Study – Lectio Thursdays at 12:30

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

**Next Board of Ministry Meeting – August 8, 2022 at 6:30pm**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.**

Janna Rudich, Clerk