

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SAUGATUCK
BOARD OF MINISTRY
August 8, 2022

Call to order: Moderator Brockington at 6:30 pm.

Devotional: Pastor Sarah

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

Absent: Kolev

Minutes: Motion to approve the July 11, 2022 minutes. (Yff/Raue). Unanimous approval.

Public Comment: Thank you notes to Cindy Raue for all of her work getting our new exterior door project completed. Thank you to the Congregational Church in St. Johns for donating their set of chimes to our church.

Treasurer Report: As of 7/31/22, there is \$4,919 in the general fund checking. The unrestricted Heritage fund balance is at \$126,426, which is down due to YTD losses & draws. YTD Money Market transfers are \$30,000. July budgeted expenses were \$26,849 and collections were \$9,331. Parking lot donations through July were \$6,893.

Moderator Report: No report.

Clerk Report: Pastor Sarah performed a baptism.

Delegate Report: WMACCC meeting on Saturday, September 17 in Greenville. MACCC meeting October 21-22 at Mayflower Congregational Church in Lansing and on Zoom.

Pastor's Report:

Looking Back: Audio Installation: We've been having problems with the audio portion on the livestream during worship. Pastor Sarah will contact Parkway Electric to arrange a training and customization time with them. Church Shirts: pastor Sarah contacted Sisters in Ink to come up with a design and quote for church smocks.

Looking Around: There will be a Congregationalism 101 class following worship on August 21st and August 28th. Fall Programming Goals: We're hoping to have an ensemble music/choir group for the fall. We'll be reinstating the Sunday School Duos to teach the 'Seasons of the Spirit' curriculum. Grilled Cheese Wednesday: Pastor Sarah presented a draft of a student safety policy. Rusiecki will look over the policy and report back at the next meeting. Homecoming Sunday: Ideas for possible activities for that Sunday – potluck, ice cream social, Come and See Sunday.

Looking Ahead: Possible Fall Retreat: We should plan the retreat after the Annual Fall Planning Meeting when we could discuss things brought up at that meeting. We could also talk about discipleship efforts, community partnerships, strategic growth & initiatives and leadership fostering and recruitment.

Christian Ed: Search for a Student Ministries Director is ongoing.

Community Life: A chili cook off/pumpkin carving is being planned, possibly for October 15.

Worship Arts: Sign up sheets are full. Possible violinist as upcoming special music.

Stewardship & Missions: We raised \$480 in offerings for Fellinlove Farms. Crop Walk will be September 18, coordinating with the UCC Church in Douglas. Christian Neighbors annual meeting is in October. There is a need for fresh food, cleaning products, infant-teen clothing right now. The NACCC 'One Great Hour of Sharing' will benefit people impacted by the floods in Kentucky.

Congregational Care: Amory is staying with friends for now while trying to get into senior housing.

Building Updates: The new exterior doors have been installed. Will be putting film on the windows of the doors in the chapel for privacy during wedding preparations. Presented a quote for new furnaces and air conditioners. Waiting on a quote for new carpeting. Presented a drawing for a new side of the church building sign. We still need lighting on the new yard sign. Planning on some rehab of the front steps at some point.

Old Business:

Lawn Service: We have a new lawn care person. The cost will be \$45.00 per time for mowing, trimming and weeding.

Stained Glass Project: Richard Henley will be coming to look at the window soon. Would like to form a small committee to collaborate with Richard for ideas of what we want.

Retire Communion Table Bible & Install New One: Planning on doing this the 3rd Sunday of August.

Crop Walk: Cathy talked to the new owners of the Star of Saugatuck. They might be willing to host supporters of the Crop Walk on the boat for a reduced group rate. A description of the history and mission of the Crop Walk should be given to them so that they have an idea of the charity.

Pastor Photo: Completed.

North Parking Lot Striping: Raue will be contacting Stripe a Lot to have them stripe and put 'No Parking' on the side of the back parking lot. There were problems with people parallel parking along that side which meant that no one could get in/out of the handicapped spots that are there.

New Business:

Smoke Alarms: Some of the smoke alarms are chirping – Raue will replace when doing other maintenance.

Venmo/PayPal QR Codes on Parking Lot Box: We have the PayPal code and will put it on the parking lot box so that it can be used by anyone wanting to donate for parking.

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 – September 12, 2022 at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Janna Rudich, Clerk