

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SAUGATUCK  
BOARD OF MINISTRY  
August 12, 2024

**Call to order:** Moderator Brockington at 6:34pm

**Devotional:**

**Roll Call - Present:** Gentry, Yff, Boyce, Brockington, Rusiecki, Mayer; **absent:** Edwards, Plapp, VanTassell

**Also Present:** Cindy Raue

**Minutes:** Motion to approve June and July minutes by Boyce, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brockington, unanimous.

**Public Comment:** Cindy Raue expressed concern over divisive language on sign and feels it should be welcoming to all and also regarding last year's thoughts on the halloween concert not being recognized. Also is trying to set up a time to meet with Pastor. Myrna Dorman submitted written suggestions to move communion table closer so Pastor doesn't have to go around banners and that all communion bread should be gluten free.

**Treasurer Report:** July expenses \$11,063, July collections \$9985, unrestricted endowment fund \$110,061, up \$16,981 this year. YTD money market transfers to General Fund are \$20,000. Year to date expenses are \$10,052 over budget and year to date collections are \$3299 under budget. YTD Parking lot collections are \$5619

**Moderator Report:** Working on cookbook. The stained glass window will be given to Sandi Troutman who will create an art piece for the church and use what's left for her art work. The church will keep a few pieces for repairs and the bottom detachable window for an installation near the handicap entrance.

**Clerk:** Absent – family reunion held on 8/10, upcoming wedding on Oct 5.

**Pastor Report:** Thanks to Brockington, Boyce and Mayer for creating the Aug 4 service. The directory is almost finished. Serena Mayer has taken over custodian duties. Halloween Concert planning underway. Kristyn working on music, Phyllis available to help prior to concert but is not available the night of the concert. Building projects to work on this month – order bench and replace sign on front of building. Other items can be considered in future budget discussions.

### **Captain Reports**

**Building:** Fridge Ice maker and water dispenser and leaking kitchen valve repaired. New faucet is needed for upstairs men's room. Mop sink faucet in furnace room needs repairs. Additional railing touch up is on the list. Back fence in east parking lot to be repaired and info shared with snow plowers not to pack snow against fence. Windows all around the building inside and out were done which included many repairs. There are storm windows that need to be replaced and also replacing the secretary office a/c unit with a new window. Elevator door closures to be looked at to see if they can be a little easier to use and the basement elevator to be changed from a knob to a handle.

**Worship Arts:** Working on Fall planning, advent and Halloween concert.

**Missions/Stewardship:** Seafarer's Friend items delivered. Hoping Christian Neighbor hearts can be delivered sooner for gifts of love.

**Congregational Way/Delegate Report:** Mike Fales organized a student trip to Spencer for flood relief.

**Community Life:** No report – healing from shoulder surgery

**Congregational Care:** Connie to share final directory updates with Pastor Sarah.

**Christian Education:** absent, no report.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Discussed Chamber Music's request for reserving parking lot on Thursdays and Fridays during the summer. Not feasible for church to block the parking for the full day and monitor. Motion to allow public usage for the parking lot as first come first serve and not provide a weekly reservation for the Chamber Music – Yff/Mayer moved and supported. All in favor, unanimous.

Next meeting: September 9 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted by Phyllis Yff, acting clerk.