

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SAUGATUCK**  
**BOARD OF MINISTRY**  
**September 11, 2023**

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

**Devotional:** Rev. Sarah Terlouw

**Present:** Gentry, Yff, Boyce, T. Terlouw, Rusiecki, Brockington, Jewett, Plapp.

**Also Present:** Rev. Sarah Terlouw

**Minutes:** Motion to approve August 14 minutes as written (T.Terlouw/Rusiecki). Carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** Thank you to all who helped paint the nursery including P Yff, D Mayer, D Edwards, R Moore, Sarah and Tim, and Beckah & Larry Terlouw. P Yff to send ty notes.

**Treasurer Report:** General Fund \$18,872, August expenses \$10,590, August collections \$6374, August capital campaign \$1790, total capital campaign \$38,648. Parking lot collections through August are \$9975.

**Clerk:** No report.

**Moderator Report:** Captains are encouraged to keep working on their policy manual revisions.

**Delegate Report:** September 16, 2023 WMCCC meeting in Grand Junction. Amory to attend.

**Pastor Report:** Candlelight Concert October 26, 2023 at 7pm. Will add to the poster its a fund raiser for our capital campaign. Tickets are \$15 adult, \$5 students. Tickets are will call, pay at the door or pay at the office. Sanctuary seats 236. 3 evening Bible studies are scheduled for November. Article written for the Commercial Record describing our Capital campaign donor tree to the community.

**Old Business:** One application was received for the Nursery attendant, two inquiries were received but they did not submit applications.

**Captain Reports**

**Community Life:** Cider and donut holes will be served after the Candlelight concert. Last bake sale was August 30. Raised \$1774 this year compared to last year's \$1603. Women's fellowship will prepare holiday cookie tins during their December meeting and a Christmas cookie exchange during fellowship hour on December 10. An Ice cream social is planned for September 10.

**Congregational Care:** Info on new members has been collected. Shepherd's lists are being updated regarding new members and deaths.

**Worship Arts:** 12/24 Candlelight Service, 12/24 Sunday AM service discussion, World Communion Sunday is October 1, will be using breads from around the world, heritage Sunday is November 19<sup>th</sup>, hanging of the greens is November 25.

**Stewardship:** \$377 for Fell in Love Farm, October is soup month at Christian Neighbors, CN annual meeting is October 19<sup>th</sup>, info for Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas gifts will be available then.

**Congregational Way:** no report

**Christian Ed:** No Sunday school at this time. Prayer ground is in use.

**Building:** Garden clean up is Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>, discussion regarding retaining wall and putting a raised bed garden around the sign.

**New Business:** Capital campaign committee needs to meet. Discussion regarding choral music for Heritage Sunday.

Next meeting: Oct 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Plapp