

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SAUGATUCK
BOARD OF MINISTRY
September 12, 2022

Call to order: Moderator Brockington at 6:45 pm.

Devotional: Pastor Sarah

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

Absent: Kolev, Rusieski

Minutes: Motion to approve the August 8, 2022 minutes. (Yff/Raue). Unanimous approval.

Public Comment: Wine at 5 venue was changed to the Barge. Spaghetti supper is September 24. The family of Gerald Bekken gave a donation to the church in his name. Sending a thank you to the St. John's church for their donation of chimes to our church.

Treasurer Report: As of 8/31/22, there is \$28,946 in the general fund checking (this includes a gift of \$16,472 from Gerald Bekken's estate). The unrestricted Heritage fund balance is at \$87,903, which is down due to YTD losses & draws. YTD Money Market transfers are \$45,000. July budgeted expenses were \$17,763 and collections were \$19,652. Parking lot donations through July were \$9,417.

Moderator Report: No report.

Clerk Report: Pastor Sarah performed the baptism of Leo Kalu-Perry Uzoh on July 24. Two new members will be welcomed on September 18.

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: Tech Area - Phil Bryant has been working on building & installing a new sound board and welcome table. He also replaced the handrails on some of the stairways. Fine Tuning the Sound System – Parkway Electric came to help us fine tune the sound system. The sound system is now running well but we still have some issues with the Loop System. Someone from Parkway will be coming to see if they can figure out what the issue is. Come & See Sunday – We had a nice service with special music and the ice cream social but didn't have any guests or visitors. New Church Smocks – Sisters in Ink have made custom smocks to have on hand for church events.

Looking Around: New Member Reception – Jim & Nyla Hensley will be accepted into membership on September 18th. Fall Book Study – the study of Diana Butler Bass's book Freeing Jesus will run from October 12 through November 9. Copies will be available on September 25. Volunteer Station – will be replacing the clipboards now being used for volunteer sign ups to a bulletin board on the back wall by the electrical box.

Looking Ahead: Fall Retreat – the fall planning meeting will be held on Monday, October 24 and the fall leadership retreat will be held on Saturday, November 12. Visitor Acknowledgements – do we want to consider doing something in the pew racks for visitors, maybe cards where they can choose a non-profit to which the church would donate in their name.

Christian Ed: Grilled Cheese Wednesday's are on hold for now. Before starting it up, we need to come up with a plan to sign in and sign out anyone who attends on Wednesdays. Discussion regarding how that could happen with the general consensus that we won't be able to hold Grilled Cheese Wednesdays any time soon.

Community Life: A chili cook off/pumpkin carving is being planned for October 15. It will be advertised in the newsletter and weekly email.

Worship Arts: Looking into Advent materials. Discussed having someone lead the hymn singing especially for online viewers.

Stewardship & Missions: Crop Walk on September 18 – three walkers have signed up so far. October 20 will be the annual Christian Neighbors meeting where we'll find out what we need to contribute to the Thanksgiving baskets.

Congregational Care: No report.

Building Updates: Drain in the middle of the north parking lot was painted orange. Determined that the drain is part of the sewer system and not for storm water run off. Shine came to clean out the gutters but will be called back because they didn't remove the tree growing on the roof. The carpets by the new doors were replaced. While Cindy is out the Bldg/Grounds committee will consist of Sandra, Sarah and Cathy.

Old Business:

Stained Glass Project: Richard Henley will be coming back with three options for the stained glass art.

Retire Communion Table Bible & Install New One: Planning on doing this on September 25.

Student Ministries Candidates: We haven't had anyone apply. Will share again on social media.

Crop Walk: Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Pastor Photo: The photo is up on the wall.

New Business:

Assess Projects for Capital Campaign: Cindy has put together quotes for possible capital campaign projects. The building group will go over them to prioritize.

Organ Repair: Nyla Hensley possibly knows someone who repairs organs.

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 – October 10, 2022 at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Janna Rudich, Clerk