

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SAUGATUCK
BOARD OF MINISTRY
October 14, 2024

Call to order: Moderator Brockington at 6:31pm

Devotional: Pastor Sarah

Roll Call - Present: Gentry, Yff, VanTassel, Boyce, Brockington, Rusiecki, Mayer; **absent:** Edwards, Plapp, **also present:** Pastor Terlouw

Minutes: Motion to approve September 9, 2024 minutes with a corrections to change the date of the Halloween Concert to 10/25/24 by Yff, 2nd by Rusiecki, unanimous.

Public Comment: Barb Baker fell and broke her elbow, Thom Houseman is recovering after back surgery.

Treasurer Report: September expenses \$7299, September collections \$9542, unrestricted endowment fund \$129,244, up \$36,245 this year. YTD money market transfers to General Fund are \$20,000. Year to date expenses are \$6227 over budget and year to date collections are \$3375 under budget. YTD Parking lot collections are \$11,676. Budget planning for 2025 is underway

Moderator Report: Cookbook is complete. There are small bottles of grape juice in the fridge to use for communion.

Clerk: Absent – Puckett wedding held on Oct 6.

Pastor Report: Halloween Concert participant list is finalized and is anticipated to last 1.25 hours. Cleanup volunteers are needed – ushers, elevator and food are set. Proceeds from concert to help fund retaining wall repairs. Heritage Sunday Potluck planned for Nov 24. Downstairs bulletin board – add Mayflower. Advent programming will be 7 weeks. Vitality Council Grant available for enhanced church programming, create spaces for group use and expand ministries – seeking ideas/suggestions. For 2025, a focus on Growth Initiatives like updating church literature, expanding advertising area, or hospitality efforts. Assemble a “Possibilities and Prayer Group” to do ongoing creative processing throughout the year.

Captain Reports

Building: Myrna and Dan cleaned out room by elevator. Thanks to the yard cleanup crew – Dan, Cathy, Sarah and Phyllis. Scouts’ closet needs cleaning and damp rid – could be a scout project. Other maint items: fence, parking lot light, sanctuary lighting, and kitchen repair list.

Worship Arts: Working on Advent planning, special music – chimes/women’s ensemble, hanging of the greens date to be set.

Missions/Stewardship: Will attend Christian Neighbors annual meeting – October is Soup-tober.

Congregational Way/Delegate Report: Congressional Library zoom event – select certain ones for viewing parties. 2025 annual meeting is in St Louis June 21-24 with Pastor Sarah providing the Sunday sermon. FCC is sending 4 members to attend Michigan CCC meeting at Royal Oak.

Community Life: Heritage Sunday potluck. 2 weddings scheduled for 2025 – May 17 & Aug 23. Women’s Fellowship will be attending Hope College play on 10/20.

Congregational Care: Connie in contact with Cindy Raue for extra shepherding.

Christian Education: absent, no report. Book study set for 4 weeks with Author participating in a Zoom meeting on the 11/13. Book is Red haired Archaeologist.

Old Business: Church directory ready by Fall planning meeting – a staple party to be planned or have Zeeland printing complete.

New Business: Nominations being sought for all officers, Christian Ed captain, and Community Life captain. Working on requote for building sign. New bench to be assembled. Possible fellowship hall use for 11/30 to host an art fair with the art club/women’s club. Sandi T will be at American Legion 11/16-17 and in Fellowship Hall 11/30 with her stained glass creations and can meet with church members for consigning art made from the church’s historic stained glass window. Possible church use for Christmas Carol practice.

Next meeting: November 11 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted by Phyllis Yff, acting clerk.