

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SAUGATUCK
BOARD OF MINISTRY
November 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Call to order: Moderator Brockington at 6:40pm

Devotional: Pastor Sarah

Present: Boyce, Brockington, Yff, Rusieski, Gentry

Absent: T. Terlouw, Kolev, Raue, Rudich

Minutes: Motion to approve the October 10, 2022 minutes. (Gentry/Rusiecki). Unanimous approval.

Public Comment: Thanks to Myrna Dornan for her work in the nursery and help with the banner and parade tree. Ralph Birkholz interested in new parking lot sign, messages and lighting on yard sign and entry signs which will be included in capital campaign discussions.

Treasurer Report: As of 10/31/22, there is \$17,203 in the general fund checking. The unrestricted Heritage fund balance is \$68,570 which is down due to YTD losses & draws. YTD Money Market transfers are \$45,000. October budgeted expenses were \$10,799 and collections were \$7922. Parking lot donations through October were \$11,524. Budget worksheets were distributed with plans of approving a proposed budget at next month's BOM meeting.

Moderator Report: Working on nominations for 2023 BOM Captains and officers.

Clerk Report: Upcoming wedding 12/17/22.

Delegate Report: No Report.

Pastor Report:

Looking Back: Tech from Parkway Electric corrected hearing loop issues

Looking Around: Monthly services to resume at Douglas Cove on the second Sunday. Service streaming will switch from Facebook to YouTube.

Looking Ahead: Newsletter articles due by next Tuesday. Will try not passing collection plates beginning on Heritage Sunday after discussion at Fall Planning Meeting. New church connect card will be presented.

CE Report: No Report.

Community Life: Pumpkin Carving/Chili Cookoff was a success. Heritage Sunday potluck is upcoming along with tree building for the Christmas parade, banner making for advent, cookie exchange, caroling and card/candy gifts at parade.

Worship Arts: Getting ready for Advent. Special Music on 12/4. Kolev family will light the candles for the 1st Sunday of Advent. Church Decorating day on 11.26 at 11am.

Stewardship & Missions: Cake mix and frosting will be delivered next week. Gift tags were all distributed and gifts will be delivered in two weeks. Christian Neighbors is seeking additional funding to help with other types of family needs.

Congregational Care: Amory resigned as a shepherd. Military pictures in fellowship hall to be updated.

Building Updates: Committee meeting this week to discuss need and want list for capital campaign. Staining of welcome desk and railings look great and will be completed soon.

Old Business:

Stained Glass Project: Church paid \$1000 for drawings and design consult. Quotes received were between \$40,000 and \$60,000 and can be negotiated. Discussion followed if this project could be added to campaign.

Capital Campaign Prioritization: Building committee to discuss wants and needs including Organ donation, stained glass project and needed building and grounds repairs.

Nominating Committee: 2023 Board Positions for Clerk and Cong Way Captain have candidates.

New Business:

Parking Lot Donation: Request was received from SHS Band parent to collect parking fees in our lot for some summer weekends. Motion to deny request (Yff/Gentry). Unanimous approval.

2023 Budget: Pastor Salary will see an increase of 10% of the wage portion of employment package which was \$56,000 in 2016. Organist will receive an 8% COLA.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Bible Study – Lectio Thursdays at 12:30

Wednesday Evenings – “Freeing Jesus” book discussion at 5pm

Sunday Service – every Sunday in person, rebroadcast online on Wednesdays.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm

Phyllis Yff
Acting Secretary