

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SAUGATUCK
BOARD OF MINISTRY
December 11, 2023

Call to order: Moderator Brockington at 6:39pm

Devotional: Rev. Sarah Terlouw

Roll Call - Present: Gentry, Yff, Boyce, T. Terlouw, Brockington, Plapp; **excused:** Rusiecki **absent:** Jewett
Also Present: Rev. Sarah Terlouw

Minutes: Motion to approve November 13 minutes as written (Boyce/Gentry). Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: none

Treasurer Report: General Fund \$22,160, November expenses \$11,297, November collections \$7234, unrestricted endowment fund \$79,203. November capital campaign \$980, total capital campaign \$51,877. Parking lot collections through November are \$13,076. Evaluating pastor salary package for taxation purposes. Discussed 2024 budget increase for Office Manager. Motion to approve 2024 Budget (Gentry/Boyce) . Carried unanimously.

Moderator Report: Policy manual revisions are still in process. 2024 annual meeting is January 21, announcements begin Dec 31. Annual reports due by January 12.

Clerk: No report

Delegate Report: No Report

Pastor Report: Draft of policy manual available at annual meeting. New directory planned for spring including shepherd lists and coffee hour cookbook. Consider posting a list of service possibilities. Discussed 2024 theme. Discussed purchase of a few more chimes. Pianos to be tuned.

Old Business: Captain positions open: Congregational Way, Worship, Building, CE & Missions.

Captain Reports

Community Life: 35 attended at Heritage potluck. Several members in the whoville parade with 300 candy canes handed out. Cookie exchange on Dec 10 went well. Coffee hour cookbook idea and trivia night activity planning underway.

Congregational Care: Absent, no report.

Worship Arts: Sat, Dec 10 set up chimes for Dec 11 performance. Special music on 12/24. Undeck the halls on Jan 13, 10am.

Missions/Stewardship: Gifts of Love and Comfy Cozy hats & mittens to Christian Neighbors 12/12. Christmas Eve collection is for Love Fund. Easter Offering will be for Happy Life Children's Home. Tim will present mission ideas for 2024 at the annual meeting.

Congregational Way: Absent, no report

Building: Repairs/maintenance: fellowship hall furnace drain pipe pitch, new electrical outlets in Gathering room and nursery, gutter/flat roof cleaned, squirrel removed, light fixture replaced in nursery. Removing choir loft modesty panels and carpeted blocks. Projects in process: evaluating Phoenix Systems quote for stair repair, concrete sidewalk/handicap entry repair quote, nursery mural. Listing of maintenance items to be prioritized and scheduled as needed.

New Business: 2024 Theme discussed.

Next meeting: January 8th at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Plapp, clerk.