

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SAUGATUCK
BOARD OF MINISTRY
April 11, 2022

Call to order: Moderator Brockington at 6:36 pm.

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

Absent: Kolev

Also Present: Pastor Sarah Terlouw

Minutes: Motion to approve the March 14, 2022 minutes. (Rusiecki/Boyce). Unanimous approval.

Public Comment: Chris Roth fell and broke her hip. Nancy Nyland is having a hard time after Jack Nyland passed away.

Treasurer Report: As of 3/31/22, there is \$7,255 in the general fund checking. The unrestricted Heritage fund balance is at \$180,414. March budgeted expenses were \$10,320 and collections were \$5,791. Parking lot donations through March were \$84.

Moderator Report: No report

Clerk Report: Jack Nyland passed away on April 10.

Delegate Report: The NACCC meeting will be in Wichita, KS on June 25-29, 2022 in person.

Pastor's Report:

Looking Back

The Lenten soup supper & book study went very well. The soups that were served were delicious.

Looking Around

Holy Week is coming up so planning continues for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services. Kitchen rentals are filling up for the summer. Sabbatical planning continues with a mailing going out to the congregation this week featuring details on our sabbatical speakers, a daily reading guide and a letter outlining congregation wide events. Pulling together materials/articles for the May and June newsletters (May deadline is 04/26/22 and June deadline is 05/24/22)

Looking Ahead

Summer Building work – will contact Parkway Electric to hopefully set up an audio installation date in June, Cindy will call StripeALot to get a date on the calendar for getting the parking lot resurfaced. We are signed up for Chip Drop which is a program that lets us get free wood chips. The pastor call letter was revised and should be reviewed by the Pastoral Relations team. Before relaunching Grilled Cheese Wednesday, we should develop a safety policy for our students and volunteers. Advertising continues for a Student Ministries Director. Looking ahead to the 2023 capital campaign with hopefully doing fundraising for new furnaces/air conditioners.

Christian Ed: Sunday School is going well using the two person teams. Planning for summer Sunday school, possibly craft projects and a VBS curriculum. Check on having Sunday School on Youth Sunday.

Community Life: Date of the summer picnic has changed from July 10 to July 17. This date has been confirmed with FellinLove Farms. Signups for fellowship hour have been going well. Kitchen supplies have been restocked.

Worship Arts: Planning for Good Friday is all set. Holy Humor Sunday is coming together and this will also be Sending Sunday for Pastor Sarah's sabbatical. Will do at the end of the service.

Stewardship & Missions: Gathering information to share on the Grace Children's Ministry which will be our Easter offering recipient. Their main need is a generator. Separate envelopes will be included with the bulletin for the special collection. We will send the money collected to the NACCC and they will get the money to the mission in Africa. Cereal collection for the summer will be starting up again soon.

Congregational Care: There was a Shepherds meeting but only the BOM members were in attendance. Will be sending out Easter cards.

Building Updates: The Historical Commission approved our request for new doors. A new quote will be obtained from Lakewood Construction. Since the money has already been allocated, the new quote will not need to be approved by the board. Furnace problems continue, will be checking to see if the issue is with the thermostat or the furnaces themselves. Considering contracting with a property management company to take care of the church grounds. Still looking for solutions to the problem of the drain in the parking lot clogging.

Old Business:

Stained Glass Project – Cathy will be meeting with someone to look at the stained glass window.

Narthex Art – The narthex art was received and installed in time for Easter Sunday.

New Business:

Sabbatical Plan Report: Lodging for the guest pastors has been reserved. Pastor Sarah will be making gift baskets using local products. A pamphlet will be handed out detailing some of the things Pastor Sarah will be doing during her Sabbatical. It will also include a reading guide for the congregation to follow. Fellowship schedule during Sabbatical will be: **May 2** – regular coffee hour, **May 8 and May 22** – brunch will be served, **May 15** – regular coffee hour, **May 29** – possible hot dogs and burgers, **June 5** – Potluck (Pastor Sarah will be coming back from Sabbatical)

Miscellaneous: Pastor photo needs to be displayed, Parking lot fence is leaning.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Bible Study – Lectio Thursdays at 12:30

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

Easter Sunday – April 17

Holy Humor Sunday and Sending Sunday – April 24

Next Board of Ministry Meeting – May 9, 2022 at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Janna Rudich, Clerk