

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SAUGATUCK**  
**BOARD OF MINISTRY**  
**April 12, 2021**

**This month's meeting was held via Zoom.**

**Call to order:** Moderator Brockington at 6:37 pm. Devotions by Pastor Terlouw.

**Present:** Rudich, Escott, Yff, Raue, Boyce, Brockington, T. Terlouw

**Absent:** Gentry, Rusieski

**Also Present:** Pastor Terlouw

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the March 8, 2021 minutes (Yff/Escott). Unanimous approval.

**Public Comment:** Thank you to Phyllis for finding someone to take the old furniture. Thank you to Wendy VanTassell for helping set up/take down Stations of the Cross. Thank you to Bob Gladstone.

**Pastor's Report:**

**Office Administrator Position**

Pastor Sarah has begun advertising for the Office Manager Position and has had one response so far. She will widen the advertising to several local newspapers and hopes to start the interview process in the beginning of May. Cathy and Phyllis volunteered to service on the interview team.

**Debrief Holy Week/Easter Worship**

Everyone enjoyed the Sanctified Arts materials included with the Lent/Holy Week/Easter. There was limited participation in the Stations of the Cross from the community. We should discuss issues with lack of participation regarding church activities.

**Regathering**

We are aiming for May 23<sup>rd</sup> as the first Sunday we would worship in person. We would also keep going with video streaming and Facebook Live. We could also consider Parking Lot church if the weather is nice. Pastor Sarah and Cindy are hoping to create something to mark the challenges of the last year during COVID.

**Church Directory – Photographer**

The church directory is about 95% completed. It would be nice to have it available when we approach the time we'll start regathering. Zeeland Print was suggested as a good place to have the directory printed and bound.

**Treasurer Report:** Income and Expenses are close to budget. The Heritage Fund has increased around \$150,000 since February 2020. PPP Forgiveness application has been submitted. An application was submitted to Verizon for use of the church bell tower as a cell tower.

**Clerk Report:** Andrew Rudich & Zoe Hoover were married on March 20.

**Delegate Report:** Cathy sent an e-mail with the schedule of the annual NACCC meeting. Would like captains to watch at least one of the speakers. Sarah will include the schedule in the weekly news email. There will be an announcement this week for the new national NACCC director choice.

**Moderator Report:** No report.

**Building/Grounds Report:** Church yard clean up was held on March 27. Still waiting on putting in bark. No progress in getting the plumber to come out to replace the toilets and take out the drinking fountain. Other plumbers were suggested as alternatives. There were some ideas for benches presented. Phyllis will ask Jack Nyland if he is interested in building some benches. Discussion regarding improving/revamping the gardens around the church building.

**Christian Education Report:** Lenten book study was a success. Will start outlining Sunday School programs for May 23-August. Round tables and a rack to store them were ordered to replace the rectangular ones for fellowship coffee hour.

**Community Life Report:** No report.

**Congregational Care Report:** No report.

**Stewardship/Mission Report:** No response from Christ in the Villages. Looking into participating in the cereal drive put on by the Allegan Community Foundation through Christian Neighbors. Also considering a pop can drive as a fundraiser for church missions.

**Worship Arts Report:** Had special music through Easter which everyone enjoyed. Discussion regarding having the regular 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Summer services outside as in the past.

**Old Business:**

Sunday School Director open position search discussed in the Pastors Report earlier in the meeting.  
New Sign Bid – Sign request was denied at the March Historical Commission meeting because the ‘tombstone’ sign is considered historical and can’t be replaced. Discussion with Sun Ray Signs to come up with more options to take to the May meeting.

**New Business:**

Pastor Sarah will be taking Sunday, April 25 off. It was decided to suggest attending another NACCC church service online. Pastor Sarah will look for alternatives and put the suggestions in the weekly email.

**Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

Bible Study – Lectio Thursdays at 12:30  
Sunday Service – every Sunday online  
Zoom or in person Next Board of Ministry meeting – May 10, 2021 6:30pm

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**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.**

Janna Rudich, Clerk