

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SAUGATUCK
BOARD OF MINISTRY (via Zoom)
February 7, 2022

Call to order: Moderator Brockington at 6:37 pm.

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

Absent: Kolev, Yff

Also Present: Pastor Sarah Terlouw

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

Public Comment: Thank you to Betty White for the new tea cozy.

Treasurer Report: We withdrew \$15,000 from the Heritage Fund in January.

Moderator Report: The pastoral sabbatical committee met.

Clerk Report: No report.

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

Pastor's Report:

Lent 2022 – Full to the Brim-An Expansive Lent

Looking forward to using the Full to the Brim Lenten series.

Invitation Postcards & March Newsletter Mailing with Lenten Devotional

Postcards will be sent out through Lent including a worship invitation, Holy Week schedule and an Easter worship invitation. Also, a copy of the NACCC devotional will be included with the March newsletter.

Fellowship Hall or Sidewalk Prayer Activity

Looking for creative options for a hands-on prayer activity.

Lenten Soup Supper

Lenten Soup Supper will start on March 2 at 6pm. We will be studying the book *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life* by Adam Hamilton.

Worship Arts: Preparations for Lent have begun along with planning for Pastor Sarah's sabbatical leave. Will be choosing hymns and coordinating special music to complement the Sanctified Art series that was chosen.

Stewardship/Missions: We will be having a special Love Fund offering on February 13 to coordinate with Valentine's Day. Possibly put a special envelope for this offering in with that week's bulletin.

Congregational Care: Contacted the shepherds and will be having an in-person meeting on February 20 after the service to talking about inreach and how to meet congregational needs during Pastor Sarah's sabbatical.

Building Updates: The new piano cover is complete. Issues with the heating in the sanctuary have been resolved. Contact Betty White to see if her son is still interesting in helping fix the handrails on the outside steps. Check with Ralph Birkholz to see if he still has the feet for the railings.

Christian Ed: Plans for this year will be possibly getting an Adult Bible study going, hiring a new CE director and bringing back the Sunday School, after school programs such as Grilled Cheese Wednesday's starting with the next school year.

Community Life: Coffee Hour will be starting back up on February 27. Looking for ideas for social events for the spring.

Old Business:

Stained Glass Project – The person in Hamilton decided that he didn't want to continue with the project so we'll have to start over. There is possibly someone in Detroit but the window would need to be professionally moved. Possible crowd sourcing on Facebook to see if anyone else knows anyone.

Narthex Art – still ongoing.

New Business:

Modify Budget to Accommodate Guest Pastors during May – there will be three pastors who will be traveling from out of town to fill the pulpit while Pastor Sarah is gone on sabbatical. We would like to cover their mileage and hotel stay while they are here. Motion to move \$2,000 out of the CE Director budget and put into the Guest Pastor budget to cover these expenditures. (Raue/Rusiecki). Motion approved unanimously.

Sabbatical Plan Report – Topics discussed included how to empower the congregation during the sabbatical. We will be bringing liturgists back who will lead prayer, read scripture and call the offering for the guest pastors. Also start up altar flowers leading up to Easter, reading poetry and special music. Considering starting up mid-week workshops and use them to expand on the Lenten book studies more fully. Will be coordinating with the guest pastors by sending them orders of worship ahead of time. The shepherds will handle congregational needs although Pastor Sarah will be available if necessary. Talked about having a 'sending' ceremony when Pastor Sarah leaves and then a 'coming back' ceremony at the end of her sabbatical.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Bible Study – Lectio Thursdays at 12:30

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

Next Board of Ministry Meeting – March 14, 2022 at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Janna Rudich, Clerk