

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SAUGATUCK
BOARD OF MINISTRY (via Zoom)
January 10, 2022

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

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

Also Present: Pastor Sarah Terlouw

Minutes: Motion to approve the December 13, 2021 minutes with one correction (Yff/Rusiecki). Unanimous approval.

Public Comment: Thank you to Kristy, Phyllis and Cindy for taking down the Christmas decorations. The snowplowing people are doing a great job.

Treasurer Report: There were no withdrawals from the Heritage Fund in 2021. The Heritage Fund is very healthy.

Moderator Report: We had a member volunteer to serve as Christian Education Captain – Justine Kolev.

Clerk Report: No report.

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

Pastor's Report:

Debrief – Close to Home, Partnership with a Sanctified Art

Everyone felt it went very well but maybe it's time to look at other options.

2022 Theme Idea – "This Is My Church!"

This theme would explore the idea of why we invest in our church and how we make our church our own.

Goals of this theme would be reconnecting with our church members and community, empowering the laity of the church to ministry, service and creation, making our worship more accessible and reimagining our student and family ministry for the next school year.

Selecting a Lenten Study

We discussed three possible books for the Lenten Book Study. Everything Happens for A Reason by Kate Bowler, The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life by Adam Hamilton and The God Who See: Immigrants, the Bible and the Journey to Below by Karen Gonzalez. The majority of the BOM were interested in the first book but the decision is yet to be made.

Worship Arts: The Christmas decorations were taken down. The Chime choir did a great job and was nice to hear.

Stewardship/Missions: We collected \$661.67 for the Love Fund with our Christmas Eve offering. The tentative schedule for this year's Missions are: February – Love Fund, Spring – Grace Children's Home, Summer – Fellinlove Farm (with a possible church service/picnic), Fall – Crop Walk (40th Anniversary) and Winter – Christian Neighbors.

Congregational Care: No report. Will touch base with the shepherds this month.

Building Updates: The Christmas decorations were taken down. The church received the bill for the down payment on the new sound system from Parkway Electric. Consumers Energy is trying to figure out why the sanctuary is so cold.

Christian Ed: Due to inconsistent attendance during December, not all of the lessons were completed although the students seemed to enjoy the activities they did complete. Copies of the Sunday School curriculum for January & February 2022 were made. Copies were handed out to the teachers and were also placed in a notebook at church. January 2nd was the Door Chalking activity. Emails sent to parents to remind them of the change in Sunday School and plans for January 2nd and January 9th. Articles for the newsletter were submitted.

Community Life: Looking for idea for February events. Coffee hour is on hold for now due to rising COVID numbers.

Old Business:

Stained Glass Project - Tabled

Narthex Art – Looking into a possible metal art piece showing our logo and mission statement.

New Business:

Communion Schedule – Schedule is: January-Boyce, February-Rudich, March-Brockington, April-Raue, May-Rusiecki, June-Yff, July-Boyce, August-Gentry, September-Raue, October-everyone, November-T. Terlouw, December-Rusiecki

Resolution – Motion to authorize Phyllis Yff and Cathy Brockington as Raymond James signatories (Rusiecki/Escott). Unanimous approval.

Nominations for Board in 2022 – both vacancies have been filled by nominees

Sabbatical Plan for Pastor Sarah – A planning committee is being formed including Boyce, Raue & Brockington.

Annual Meeting – January 16 following worship in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom.

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 – February 14, 2022 at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Janna Rudich, Clerk