

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SAUGATUCK**  
**BOARD OF MINISTRY**  
**March 14, 2022**

**Call to order:** Moderator Brockington at 6:43 pm.

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

**Absent:** Kolev

**Also Present:** Pastor Sarah Terlouw

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the February 7, 2022 minutes. (Raue/Boyce). Unanimous approval.

**Public Comment:** A member mentioned that he thought two communion servers would be enough to serve communion. Also, he wondered why the flags were not at the front of the sanctuary anymore. Send thank you notes to the guest pastor and to Brad Rudich.

**Treasurer Report:** As of 2/28/22, there is \$10,933 in the general fund checking. The unrestricted Heritage fund balance is at \$172,523. February budgeted expenses were \$8,565 and collections were \$6,068. Parking lot donations through February were \$84.

**Moderator Report:** No report

**Clerk Report:** No report.

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

**Pastor's Report:**

**New Things in the Worship Space**

The 'I Give Online' and 'Church Connect' cards that are now located in the pews seem to be working well. Discussion regarding how the worship liturgist role is going and how comfortable people are with stepping into that role. There will be a binder on the lectern for the liturgist containing the worship script which is like an extended bulletin. Pastor Sarah has the liturgist materials ready for when she is gone on sabbatical.

**A Few Building Needs/Possibilities**

Pastor Sarah would like to install some shelves in the Chapel to hold the study bibles. We have an opportunity to revamp our tech desk & welcome table as the old rolltop cabinet will be removed with the audio update coming in the spring. Check out the Howard Miller or Haworth company store to look for something that would work better than the current welcome desk, possibly with cubbies for storage. Also looking into replacing the TV that could be used for worship service purposes. The current one is very heavy and would like something more up to date.

**Christian Ed:** Sunday School teachers are lined up through the end of May. Discussion regarding who takes care of assembling the materials for each Sunday's class.

**Community Life:** Possibly planning a potluck on June 5 which is Pentecost. Would like to have the church picnic at Fellinlove Farms again this year, possibly on July 10. Hoping to have outdoor services on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of June, July and August. Some fellowship event ideas – Escape Room or a Murder Mystery.

**Worship Arts:** Planning for Lent is coming along. Special music is lined up for the rest of March. The Chimes choir will be performing on April 10 and a four-hand piano piece will be performed for Holy Humor Sunday. The theme of the Holy Humor Sunday this year will be circus. Discussion regarding things that are circus related that could be incorporated into the service.

**Stewardship & Missions:** We raised \$514 toward the Love Fund with our Valentine's Day offering.

**Congregational Care:** There was a Shepherds meeting on February 20. Will have another meeting in April sometime.

**Building Updates:** Quotes for the replacement of the two sets of double doors in the front of church were gathered. We are tentatively going with the Lakewood Construction quote however the Historical Society needs to weigh in on if these doors are appropriate before going ahead with the replacement. Stuart White is volunteering his time to fix the footings on the railings for the steps at the front of church.

#### **Old Business:**

**Stained Glass Project** – We received several ideas through social media for someone to repurpose the stained glass window.

**Narthex Art** – Yff presented the design for the narthex art. It would cost \$260 and we could get it in 8-10 days after ordering it.

#### **New Business:**

**Sabbatical Plan Report:** Accommodations will be reserved for the three guest pastors coming in May during the sabbatical.

#### **Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

Bible Study – Lectio Thursdays at 12:30

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

Lenten Soup & Supper – every Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

**Next Board of Ministry Meeting – April 11, 2022 at 6:30pm**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.**

Janna Rudich, Clerk