

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SAUGATUCK
BOARD OF MINISTRY
May 10, 2021

This month's meeting was held via Zoom.

Call to order: Moderator Brockington at 6:38 pm. Devotions by Pastor Terlouw.

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

Absent: Yff, Rusieski

Also Present: Pastor Terlouw

Minutes: Motion to approve the April 12, 2021 minutes (Raue/Escott). Unanimous approval.

Public Comment:

Pastor's Report:

Office Administrator Position - Filled

Sandra Lauer has been hired to be the new Office Manager and will start on May 18. She will work with Doris for a couple of Tuesdays for training.

Student Ministries Position – Announced Soon!

Advertising for the Sunday School Director (which will possibly soon be called Student Ministries Director) will begin in mid-June. Hopefully the role will be filled sometime this summer. Pastor Sarah and Linda will be working on a job description which will be shared at the June BOM meeting.

Help With Task Team

Pastor Sarah has been working on organizing a small group of people to participate in a 'visioning' task team to look at ministry as we get ready to regather. She has three volunteers so far but was looking for more. Hopefully someone other than herself will spearhead the group.

Regathering Conversion – Aiming for May 23rd

Discussion on how regathering will be advertised and how the service could look. Possible options are vaccinated/unvaccinated people sit separately, optional mask wearing, leaving it up to individuals as to how comfortable they are. Sarah will officer guidance in a letter to go out with the directories.

Summer Outdoor Worship

Summer worship services have been improving every year. Pastor Sarah would like to purchase an over-ear microphone to make things easier during the outdoor services.

Summer Picnic-FellinLove Farm

Our usual month for our church picnic has been in June. Discussion regarding having the service and picnic held at the same time at the farm.

Directory

Directories will be available by the end of the week. Pastor Sarah will be mailing some copies but also delivering copies to those she feels she should check in on.

Treasurer Report: No report.

Clerk Report: Memorial Service for Winifred Davis on May 22, 2021.

Delegate Report: Cathy signed up Pastor Sarah and herself to vote at the NACCC meeting.

Moderator Report: Everything is going well.

Building/Grounds Report: We received quotes from two plumbers to do some plumbing work at church. Motion to approve having Unema's Plumbing replace three toilets and remove the drinking fountain for an estimated cost of \$1,300.00 (Gentry/Boyce). Unanimous approval.

Christian Education Report: Celebrating God's Creation will be the Sunday School curriculum for the summer. Planning on working on a mural using the recycled caps that were donated to the church. Would also like to do a monthly mission project. The first service of each month would feature a special bulletin for the kids with activities to do during the church service. Looking at other songs to replace 'Jesus Loves Me' to sing as the kids leave for Sunday School. The new tables and rack will be delivered this week. Closet clean up to move Christmas trees to another storage area will be May 15 at 10:00.

Community Life Report: Discussion regarding how to fellowship starting with the May 23 regathering service. Fellowship will be held in the north parking lot if the weather allows. Pat will provide prepackaged snacks and some type of juice for drinks for that Sunday. The chairs to sit in will be stored in the shed to allow for easy set up. Music in the Park will be starting up and we'll need to plan for holding the bake sale again.

Congregational Care Report: No report.

Stewardship/Mission Report: Contacted Eighth Day Farms for a possible talk during the church service. Donation shelf is being reorganized. If we do a pop can drinks, they could be collected and stored in the shed. Looking into a possible diaper drive.

Worship Arts Report: Will put out the sign up sheets (coffee hour, readers, ushers, etc.) in church for the services starting May 23.

Old Business:

Sunday School Director open position will hopefully be posted around mid-June. The job description will need to change due to the changing ages of the children in the church. We will go over it at the June meeting.

New Sign Bid – Sign request was approved with the stipulation that the old sign will be kept and moved to a location next to the historical marker. This will increase the total cost of the sign project.

New Office Administrator – The new office administrator is very well qualified and will start at \$13.00 an hour

New Business:

May 23 Regathering – discussed earlier in the meeting.

Summer services outside – discussed earlier in the meeting.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Bible Study – Lectio Thursdays at 12:30

Sunday Service – every Sunday online

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Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.