



Council Meeting Summary

April 21, 2020 - 6:00pm, via Zoom

Members in Attendance: Pastor Craig, Wes Llewellyn (Co-Moderator), Audra Bailey (Co-Moderator), Desiree Grace (At-Large), Russ Armstrong (At-Large), Kristi Bailey (Spiritual Engagement), Sara Wynn (Outreach and Mission), Layne Porembski (Building and Finance), & Tami Marshall (Clerk).

Council Transparency

We will begin to publish a summary of the Council minutes each month. These summaries will be available a month after each meeting.

FCC Live

We have averaged around 100 people each week viewing worship through FCC Live. We are lucky to have Amber working on this each week! We received a sales quote from Rextroat on moving a computer and joystick to the so there's no lag in the recording during the service. It will take about \$1600.00 to accomplish this.

Financials

Council is working on separating the dedicated funds into different bank accounts, but this will be a complicated process. Endowment promissory note pay back: We need to be mindful of the fact that we borrowed funds and think about how to start reducing that debt by setting up a payment schedule.

Outreach and Mission Board

Sara Wynn is working with Becca Peterson and they will be asking if people are interested in helping with May Day baskets. O&M has also started a friendship partners program. Several people are working on this and reaching out to members over 70, taking notes, and putting the information into a database.

Spiritual Engagement Board

Kristi Bailey inquired about the church's prayer group. It was suggested that a structure be created so people could add prayer requests during this time. Kristi also wondered if there is anyone who can create face masks. Pastor Craig said several people in the congregation are making them and dropping them off to the church.



Christian Education Board

Packages with Easter activities were sent to all of the children for Easter and Easter greetings were written in chalk outside the homes of all Sunday School families. Becca Peterson is also emailing weekly Sunday School lessons to families at this time. VBS and Summer Mission Trip have been cancelled due to COVID. There is a need of \$850.00 for the World Relief Mission. Audra Bailey suggested that the CE Board could use the funds that were allocated for VBS for this need. Amanda Beck agreed to look into that.

Building and Finance Board

We will proceed with forming the Endowment Review Committee. This will start in May by allowing nominations from the congregation.

Stewardship Update

Wes Llewellyn reported that letters have been sent to members. Thank you calls were made to the majority of people that have donated. Stewardship has been making calls and learning news about things going on with families during this time of social distancing.

Western Association and Illinois Conference Delegate

We forgot to vote at the annual meeting for a delegate for Western Association and IL Conference for UCC. Mary Newcomb is willing to serve in that capacity again.

Personnel Update

The church is able to keep the church staff employed and continue to pay them at this point.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Craig submitted his resignation. He has accepted a position at Windsor UCC near Madison, WI to enable him to be closer to family. The service of parting will be on May 31st. Pastor Michael will continue his service as pastor in the meantime as we search for an interim pastor. Council members expressed their thanks and well wishes to Pastor Craig.