

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 08, 2021**

In Attendance: Pastor Becky David (Interim), Audra Bailey (Moderator), Russ Armstrong (At Large), Kristi Bailey (Spiritual Engagement), Pam Wendt (Outreach and Mission), Heather Carlson (Clerk)

Absent: Amanda Beck (Christian Education), Barb Guss (At Large), Phil Koenig (Building and Finance)

Call to Order: Audra Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:08PM and opened with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the minutes from the May meeting was tabled until July.

Review of Financials: May's financial statement was not available.

Moderator's Report:

Red Wagon: Audra Bailey reported that she, Pr. Becky, Carol Freeman, and Red Wagon's board met last night to discuss the relationship between Red Wagon and First Congregational Church. Board members from Red Wagon are going to reach out to other church preschools in Illinois to ask several questions regarding how they are set up with their corresponding churches. This will help us to decide the direction we will take. Both sides agreed we need to be clear in how we will proceed and also have written records.

Illinois Phase 5: Pr. Becky provided a handout outlining Phase 5 guidelines for businesses and venues which follows the current CDC recommendations. There was brief discussion about how we will address wearing masks and social distancing. It was agreed that members who are fully vaccinated should not have to wear a mask, but members who are not fully vaccinated, including children too young to be vaccinated, should wear a mask and social distance. Pr. Becky advised Council that we are working on signage addressing mask and social distancing procedures for those who are not fully vaccinated yet. In addition, we will remove the social distancing signs and barricades, put hymnals and Bibles back in the pews, and Mike DeToye will be advised to return to his normal cleaning schedule

Audra Bailey moved that as we move into Phase 5 we comply with the recommendations of the State of Illinois and the CDC guidelines. Kristi Bailey seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor Report:

Staffing Update:

Our new office administrator, DeAnna Freeman-Foster began her position yesterday, and Jennifer Dailing will be available to help with DeAnna's transition.

Pr. Becky has met with members of the CE board to discuss how to move forward after Becca Peterson's release from ministry on July 4. It was suggested that we hire an interim director because this is an evolving situation. CE will be involved in getting a timeline and curriculum in place in the meantime.

At present there is no nursery .

Building and Finance Structure:

Pr. Becky advised Council that currently the Building and Finance Board is swamped with building repair issues and has very little time left over to address overall building use. There was a great deal of constructive discussion about possible ways to increase revenue through the use of our facilities. Included in the discussion was the formation of a stewardship committee who could do research and bring recommendations to Building and Finance and ultimately Council. Rather than appoint members to this committee, church members will be asked to nominate people to populate the committee.

Audra Bailey moved to form an ad hoc committee to research overall building use. Pam Wendt seconded. Motion passed.

Audra will put an announcement in the Bridge.

Ministry Board and Committee

Reports:

Outreach and Mission:

Pam Wendt reported on the following:

- They continue to work with World Relief

Spiritual Engagement:

Kristi Bailey reported on the following:

- They are working on the logistics and decorating for the two receptions following worship on June 13.

Building and Finance:

Discussion was covered in the Pastor's Report

Christian education

Discussion was covered in the Pastor's Report

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06PM following a closing prayer from Pastor Becky.

The next meeting is July 13, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Carlson
Clerk

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JUNE 2021

	JUNE	JUJE BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET TO DATE	FULL YEAR BUDGET	FULL YEAR FORECAST
Pledges	\$33,160	\$18,000	\$134,871	\$114,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Offerings	364	4,000	13,776	23,000	50,000	40,000
Other Income	13,654	14,552	81,851	85,114	\$177,328	170,328
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$47,178	\$36,552	\$230,498	\$222,114	\$477,328	\$460,328
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$35,125	\$51,300	\$237,037	\$287,174	\$600,764	\$530,764
NET INCOME/LOSS	\$12,053	(\$14,748)	(\$6,539)	(\$65,061)	(\$123,436)	(\$70,436)