

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

**In Attendance:** Audra Bailey (Moderator), Russ Armstrong (At Large), Kristi Bailey (Spiritual Engagement), Phil Koenig (Building and Finance), Heather Carlson (Clerk)

**Absent:** Pr. Becky David (Interim), Pam Wendt (Outreach and Mission), Barb Guss (At Large), Amanda Beck (Christian Education)

**Call to Order:** Audra Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:11PM and opened with a prayer.

Following the opening prayer, Audra explained to Council that due to issues we've been having with accessing documents on the computer she will provide hard copies of board reports and financials on the Sunday prior to Council meetings.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Phil Koenig moved to approve the August minutes. Russ Armstrong seconded. Motion carried.

**Review of Financials:**

August financials were not available as of September 13.

**Moderator's Report:**

The following items were discussed:

- FOB policy
  - Audra reviewed the policy presented to Council with the office staff in order to answer questions and assure that there is a clear understanding of procedures and how to handle disputes should they arise.
  - Audra moved that we accept the FOB policy as drafted by Russ Armstrong on July 23, 2021. Phil Koenig seconded. Motion carried.
- Formation of Building Use Task Force
  - Audra informed Council she thinks we need to form a task force to look into our building use policy because it is unclear. A discussion of who should serve on the committee and to whom the committee would report followed. Phil Koenig suggested such a committee should be an ad hoc committee and report to Building and Finance.
  - Phil Koenig moved that one person from each board serve on the committee to determine building use policy and give the committee 4 to 6 weeks to create a proposed policy to present to council. Russ Armstrong seconded. Motion passed.
- Church safety
  - The subject of church safety came up again after a recent worship service. The chiller wasn't working on Sunday a couple of weeks ago so doors and windows were open, which concerned some members. Council members discussed our level of risk and safety measures to implement. We will continue to discuss the issue.
  - Red Wagon will be keeping the gate to the playground locked from now on to prevent misuse of it during off hours.
- 2022 board budgets

- The 2022 board budgets are ready and Audra will send them to the boards. Their budget drafts are to be presented at the next Council meeting.
- The stewardship committee is formed and beginning discussions.

**Pastor's Report:**

Pr. Becky provided Council with a report prior to her absence that outlined the following:

- Memorial gifts have made it possible for us to purchase pottery communion ware made especially for FCC. Thank you to Janet Hemmingson.
- Funeral services were held for Elly Rohrbach and Robert Fleming.
- The second Congregational Conversation went well. Thank you to Emilia Deem for her write up posted in the Bridge.
- Jennifer Dailing has agreed to offer some supervision of the office staff while Pr. Becky is gone. Dana Martin will preach on September 19.
- Pr. Becky is searching for a confirmation curriculum.

**Ministry Board and Committee Reports:**

**Christian Education**

- There is no change in their report; their next meeting is September 20.

**Building and Finance**

- The minutes from Building and Finance's August meeting outlined current and completed projects.
- Board Chair Phil Koenig provided Council with their Five Year Plan and he explained each line item.
- Discussion followed regarding clean-up in the landscaping and flower beds around the building. There was agreement that a "work day" consisting of church member volunteers should be presented to the congregation.

**Outreach and Mission**

- Red Wagon Supply Drive was successful as was the Missionary Event on August 17-18 featuring Elena Huegel, a missionary who works in San Cristobal de Las Casas.
- They are working on the coat drive as well as Haiti earthquake relief.
- NAMI Walk is September 18, Steve Schippers is the captain.
- They will discuss Kids Against Hunger in the spring when their calendar is more open.

**Spiritual Engagement**

- Minutes from the August meeting outlined the communion and baptism items purchased and an acolyte program.

**Transition**

**Team:** No report for this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.  
The next meeting is October 12, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Carlson

Clerk

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - SEPTEMBER 2021

	SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET TO DATE	FULL YEAR BUDGET	FULL YEAR FORECAST
Pledges	\$14,741	\$21,000	\$190,280	\$168,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Offerings	657	4,500	16,865	35,500	50,000	30,000
Other Income	17,758	14,652	126,885	129,871	\$177,328	150,328
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	\$33,156	\$40,152	\$334,030	\$333,371	\$477,328	\$430,328
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$50,069	\$56,550	\$366,799	\$444,843	\$600,764	\$490,620
<b>NET INCOME/LOSS</b>	(\$16,912)	(\$16,398)	(\$32,769)	(\$111,472)	(\$123,436)	(\$60,292)