

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 26, 2022**

In Attendance: Pr. Becky David (Interim Senior Pastor), Diann Moore (At Large), Joshua Dyer (Council Chair), Marcella Armstrong (Spiritual Engagement), Steve Schippers (Building and Finance), Susi Llewellyn (Red Wagon), Sara Wynn (Outreach and Mission), Barb Guss (At Large), Heather Carlson (Clerk), Abby Stickell (Christian Education)

Prayer: Diann Moore opened the meeting at 6:12PM with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Diann Moore moved to approve the minutes from the March meeting as submitted. Susi Llewellyn seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed.

Quick Reports:

Pastor's Report

- Pr. Becky's report included the following:
 - A summary of the Annual Meeting and Leadership retreat from which the decisions to draw down the endowment to balance the budget and to approve the formation of the leadership circle was given. The congregation voted to approve both items.
 - She is working with Personnel to find an interim and eventually a permanent replacement for Maureen Holmes. Barb Guss will meet with Susi Llewellyn (a member of the Personnel Committee) to give input for a music director from members of the choir. Susi also told members of Council that if we know of someone who would be interested in the position to let her know.
 - Pr. Becky spent time with the confirmands and their mentors at their February mini-retreat where they spent the afternoon learning about worship and communion.
 - Lenten Wednesdays were well attended and there was positive feedback about Lent and Easter services as well.
 - Pr. Becky is happy to report that the volunteer caregivers have been trained and will begin visiting homebound and ill members of the church. The committee is Lucy Manis (chair), Sunny Moorhusen, Barb Guss, Pam Wendt, Lindsey Spies, and Katy Harle.
 - She performed a graveside service for Dorothea Duncan, a funeral for Pat Verslius, planned Pat Shannon's funeral with her family, met with two couples about their upcoming wedding, and met with a potential new member.
 - Vacation and pto dates are listed in the report.

Spiritual Engagement

- Marcella Armstrong reported on the following:
 - They have decided on bringing back after-worship fellowship as their event. It will be held on the first Sunday of each month, and SE would like to have representatives from each board set up and clean up two months each. The fellowship will consist of coffee, juice, and doughnuts or cookies. Fellowship will meet in the Gathering Place. Discussion followed regarding groups who meet in the Gathering Place prior to worship and whether or not setting up will disturb their meetings. It was agreed that those groups will be notified.
 - After a brief discussion, Barb Guss moved to authorize Women's Connection to use their funds to purchase new appliances for the small kitchen in the Gathering Place. Steve Schippers seconded. Motion passed.
 - SE is getting bids for decorating the sanctuary for Christmas.

- o They are proposing serving communion twice a month and are working on training and details. This would start in the fall.

Building and Finance

- Steve Schippers reported on the following:
 - o B&F's event was a clean-up day. Volunteers from the church met and cleaned up the grounds.
 - o Jeff Newcomb and Steve Schippers are meeting with Shive Hattery Thursday about the boiler. Work may have to be done on all the radiators in the building.
 - o If something in the building isn't working tell Jeff Newcomb and Amber Moore.
 - o The pews and panels need to be moved out of the boiler room. Steve Schippers moved that Council authorize up to \$150 to pay Matt Dies to help clean the boiler room and move the pews and panels. Diann Moore seconded. Motion passed.
 - o In addition to matters discussed, Steve sent an email that outlines other completed work as well as future work. This includes the following:
 - B&F purchased a riding mower and received a donation of a push mower. There is a list of volunteers who will be mowing.
 - There was a clean-up day where volunteers trimmed trees and cleaned up the church grounds.
 - There are now volunteers for all of the church islands.
 - They have inspected plaster cracks in office areas with Jim Moorhuesen.
 - Communication with the City of Moline regarding the sale of a portion of the west parking lot continues.
 - Future work covers cleaning out the space around the boiler prior to work on it, improving internet service to the church, getting quotes for plaster repairs, stripping, varnishing, and weatherproofing the tower and front doors.

Outreach and Mission

- Sara Wynn reported on the following:
 - o May day baskets will be passed out and on tables in the church entrance Sunday, May, 1.
 - o Susi Llewellyn is supervising the blood drive on May 20 from 1-5:30PM.
 - o They are talking with World Relief about a food pantry.

Red Wagon

- Susi Llewellyn reported on the following:
 - o Amanda Peterson will be attending Council meetings on a quarterly basis.
 - o The board met last week and discussed the annual meeting and FOB policy. They need to have a tier added to the policy because Red Wagon parents have fobs for longer periods of time that the current policy allows. They will write an addition to the policy and present it to Council.
 - o By-laws are finished.
 - o Graduation is May 21 and is their event. They are fully enrolled for summer and fall.
 - o Red Wagon has completed a satisfaction survey for the 2021-2022 year.

Christian Education

- Abby Stickell reported on the following:
 - o They are currently working on VBS, which is their event. It is scheduled for the 2nd full week in June.
 - o Following VBS they will focus on Sunday school.
 - o The Women's Connection will set up a task force to work on a Children's Christmas bazaar.

Leadership Circle

- Joshua Dyer reported on the following:
 - They meet tomorrow
 - The Design team met on Sunday but information from that meeting was not yet available.
 - Jeff Newcomb has indicated that communication is a bigger job than originally planned. Pr. Becky reminded Council that any communications intended for the Bridge should go to Amber Moore, not Jeff.

New Business:

Safe Conduct Policy

- A copy of the Safe Conduct Policy was sent to Council members for review.
- Lindsey Spies explained to Council that the policy covers what church staff and volunteers who work with children and vulnerable adults must know and do in order to provide a safe environment.
- Lindsey also explained that training for individuals working with children and vulnerable adults is done on line.
- Following for discussion about the need for putting this policy in place, it was agreed that Council members would read the policy again and vote on adopting it via email. Diann Moore moved to approve the Safe Conduct policy. Susi Llewellyn seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

Meeting Times

- We agreed to meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Other

- Amber Moore has asked all boards to get their schedules to her as soon as possible so that she can coordinate those with the boiler repair work.
- Susi Llewellyn reported that the recipients of the Peterson Scholarships are Rylee Warpehoski, Maya Wennekamp, and Alex Wandrey. Each student will receive \$5,700. Susi Llewellyn moved that we approve awarding the scholarships. Sara Wynn seconded. After discussion about how the money is disbursed the motion passed.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24PM following a prayer given by Pr. Becky.

Next Meeting:

May 24 at 6:00PM

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Carlson
Clerk

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - APRIL 2022

	APRIL	APRIL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET TO DATE	FULL YEAR BUDGET	FULL YEAR FORECAST
Pledges	\$20,642	\$20,000	\$85,874	\$75,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Offerings	2,065	4,000	8,038	14,000	50,000	50,000
Other Income	13,497	15,223	57,504	60,051	\$187,333	187,333
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$36,204	\$39,223	\$151,416	\$149,051	\$487,333	\$487,333
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$48,833	\$47,093	\$190,440	\$187,394	\$585,695	\$585,695
NET INCOME/LOSS	(\$12,629)	(\$7,871)	(\$39,024)	(\$38,343)	(\$98,362)	(\$98,362)