

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 24, 2022**

- In Attendance:** Diann Moore (At Large), Joshua Dyer (Council Chair), Marcella Armstrong (Spiritual Engagement), Steve Schippers (Building and Finance), Susi Llewellyn (Red Wagon), Barb Guss (At Large), Heather Carlson (Clerk), Abby Stickell (Christian Education)
- Absent:** Pr. Becky David (Interim Senior Pastor), Sara Wynn (Outreach and Mission)
- Guest:** Jeff Newcomb
- Prayer:** Marcella Armstrong opened the meeting at 6:13PM with a prayer. Following the prayer, Joshua Dyer told Council he will not be present at the June meeting. Diann Moore will conduct the meeting in his absence and Susi Llewellyn will open the meeting with a prayer.
- Approval of Minutes:** Susi Llewellyn moved to approve the minutes from the April meeting as submitted. Marcella Armstrong seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed.
- Quick Reports:**
- Pastor's Report**
- o No report
- Spiritual Engagement**
- Marcella Armstrong reported on the following:
    - o Fellowship hour will be held on the first Sunday of each month following services. The first fellowship hour is June 5. SE Board members will host the first month and from there on there will be a sign-up sheet posted asking for volunteers to do set-up and cleanup. Food will be ordered from Moline HyVee bakery by the SE chairperson and delivered to the church.
    - o SE voted not to offer communion a second time each month. Cella and Becca Peterson will work with Amber Moore to take photographs of Communion table set-up so that we may move toward having more members trained to do set-up and cleanup. SE Board members are scheduled to handle communion duties through September 4.
    - o Becca Peterson has volunteered to put together a group of members to find safer ways to hang the Christmas lighted garlands in the chancel area and from the balcony to that we may keep this tradition going forward.
    - o Kitchen cleaning – Pam Wendt is going to ask Wes Llewellyn to tour the kitchen with her to make a list of things that need to be done to meet inspection requirements.
- Building and Finance**
- Steve Schippers reported on the following:
    - o The church lawn is being mowed weekly and all gardens have been weeded.
    - o The boiler room was cleaned up.
    - o B&F is in discussion with Gary Bull to lease the kitchen from 6-10AM 5 days a week at \$700 per month. After a brief preliminary discussion about the terms of the agreement, Steve Schippers moved to allow Gary to come in June 1 with a lease to follow. Diann Moore seconded. The discussion involved questions about terms for termination of the agreement, appliance use, and liability for spoilage. The motion was called for a vote and carried.
    - o Kristi Bailey found a building use policy that B&F is going to rewrite because of numerous contradictions. There was discussion about rates charged to

- members and non-members for events and building use being consistent. In addition, B&F will create a standard form that would go through Amber Moore. Once that is completed and Council approves it, it will remain on file.
- o Steve Schippers moved to refund money charged to a member for using the building retroactive to March 1. Abby Stickell seconded and the motion carried.
  - o Jeff Newcomb is the project manager for the boiler repair and roof flashing.

### **Outreach and Mission**

- Sara Wynn reported on the following:
  - o On May 1<sup>st</sup>, approximately 90 May Baskets were available for the congregation to celebrate May Day. Feedback was mixed and the committee will re-evaluate this activity for next year.
  - o On May 20<sup>th</sup>, O&M hosted a mobile blood drive at FCC. 17 donors were signed up and 14 were eligible that day to make donations. Susi Llewellyn is having a follow-up meeting with Impact Life on May 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - o Future Events:
    - O&M will be collaborating with CE for a Summer of Service. Proposed events include:
      - June – Meal Site at Zion Meal Site in Davenport (in person volunteering)
      - July-World Relief Food Pantry (financial support and in person volunteering)
      - August-Closet 2 Closet
  - o There was discussion about who is on the ONA committee, whether or not the committee is governed by a board or is a stand-alone committee, and where does it fit in the nominating process. Council asked O&M to look into this.

### **Red Wagon**

- Susi Llewellyn reported on the following:
  - o Graduation was May 21 and well attended.
  - o They are ready for the summer session and are full for fall.
  - o Red Wagon children will be coming to VBS this year.
  - o They are still looking for a teacher.

### **Christian Education**

- Abby Stickell reported on the following:
  - o They struggled with finding volunteers for VBS which resulted in a change in the format for this year.

### **Leadership Circle**

- Joshua Dyer urged board chairs to get their reports to Council prior to the meetings. This will free up time to work on issues that need attention.

### **Safe Conduct Policy**

- Abby Stickell will reach out to see about beginning training.

**New Business:****Information Storage**

- Jeff Newcomb polled each board chairperson on how their boards communicate with each other. Most agreed they do so via emails and text messages. Some also included newsletters and zoom meetings.
- Jeff is also working on how best to communicate with the congregation.

**Kitchen Agreement with CJ**

- There was discussion about the agreement with CJ using the kitchen now that we are going to lease the kitchen to Gary Bull. Susi Llewellyn agreed to get a copy of the prior agreement with CJ and we will move forward from there.

**Theme for next year**

- Josh Dyer explained that the Design Team and Leadership Circle would like to focus on one or two unifying themes for next year. From the ensuing discussion it was agreed that Service would be a good starting point.

**Other**

- Marcella Armstrong asked for clarification as to whether or not Lindsey Spies is a member of Council. She is not, but she can attend Council meetings when necessary.
- The question of when we will form a search committee was brought up. We are still working on defining who we are as a congregation.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28PM

**Next Meeting:**

June 28 at 6:00PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Carlson  
Clerk

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - MAY 2022

	MAY	MAY BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET TO DATE	FULL YEAR BUDGET	FULL YEAR FORECAST
Pledges	\$16,622	\$20,000	\$102,496	\$95,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Offerings	2,683	4,000	10,721	18,000	50,000	50,000
Other Income	14,599	15,223	72,103	75,274	\$187,333	187,333
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	\$33,904	\$39,223	\$185,320	\$188,274	\$487,333	\$487,333
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$41,726	\$50,261	\$232,166	\$237,739	\$585,695	\$585,695
<b>NET INCOME/LOSS</b>	(\$7,822)	(\$11,038)	(\$46,846)	(\$49,465)	(\$98,362)	(\$98,362)