

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
December 19, 2023

Moderator Chuck Rounds called the regular meeting of the Board to order at 7:01 p.m. Those present were Eileen Rossow, Patti Arneson, Carol Boyles, Erin Erickson, Susan Kelts, Mary Haan, Dave Ledford, Sheila Long, Bonnie Edwards, and Harlan Stephens.

Erin Erickson gave devotions from the John Dorhauer book called Beyond Resistance. The message was on the Future of Faith and that we must put the best part of us forward.

There were no additions to the Agenda.

The minutes of the November 21, 2023, board meeting were approved with a motion by Harlan Stephens and a second by Susan Kelts.

The sign-up sheet for money counters was passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Buildings and Grounds Dave Ledford reported that the outdoor sprinkler was repaired. He changed the lights in the craft room. The outdoor street light needs to be replaced with an LED light.
2. Stewardship and Budget Harlan Stephens reported that pledges are behind for the year. There was also discussion about having an offering during the Christmas Eve service.
3. Education Mary Haan reported that they made cookies in a jar. They are planning to do the Wellness Wheel in January and February. They have also been practicing for the Christmas services. The blankets that they made will be blessed on December 31st. They are having youth night twice a month. They are also planning to have a walking group starting in March.
4. Hospitality No Report.
5. Ministries Sheila Long reported that we will be providing the Mission Meal on December 29th.
6. Worship No Report.
7. Congregational Representatives Carol Boyles suggested that we might consider have a program to reach out to nonparticipating members.
8. Pastor Erin Erin Erickson shared the letter from Phil Hart and the importance of supporting the Conference. She also reported that her Ordination Interview will be January 15, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Patti Arneson reported that Doug Noyes (neighborhood resident) is against the sale of the church land and believes it would ruin the integrity of the area.
2. Susan Kelts reported that a church member had questioned her about the progress of having praise music during services. There was discussion and it was agreed that it was up to the praise music committee to provide the plan for the music.

NEW BUSINESS None.

Devotions will be given by Patti Arneson for the January meeting.

The next Board meeting will be January 16, 2024.

The Annual Meeting will be January 28, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Eileen Rossow
Clerk