

First Congregational United Church of Christ

Minutes of the Board

February 20, 2024

Moderator Susan Kelts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Patti Arneson, Eileen Rossow, Carol Boyles, Erin Erickson, Mary Haan, Dave Ledford, Cindy Ledford, Becky Fisher, Chuck Rounds and Sheila Long

Becky Fisher gave devotions about fasting during Lent by Pope Francis.

One addition to the agenda of Hermosa Church support by Eileen Rossow

The minutes of the January 28, 2024, board meeting were approved with a motion by Patti Arneson and a second by Chuck Rounds.

Sign up sheet for money counters was passed around.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Building and Grounds
  - Dave Ledford reported that the boiler went offline. Action Mechanical checked it over and all was okay.
- Stewardship and Budget
  - Eileen and Patti are entering the budget data now. There are fewer columns, but if there is anything you would like to have added, please let them know.
  - Since the request for new pledges or increasing your current pledge was made at the annual meeting there have been few more additions.
- Education
  - Mary reports that the feedback from parents on the Sunday school curriculum has been positive. VBS will be held in June this year. Planning for a Placerville Church Camp Day in May. And the wellness wheel has one more week.
- Hospitality
  - Carol Boyles reports that they will have a St. Patrick's Day celebration in March, and the department's goal is to do a monthly event.
- Ministries
  - Cindy Ledford reported there will be a Mission meal on March 29, 2024.
- Worship
  - Erin Erickson said there will be changes made to wording with communion. They are working on Lent and Easter services including Palm Sunday, Monday Thursday evening service and Good Friday noon service.
- Congregational Representatives
  - Patti Arneson reported they are researching making a new directory with pictures. More information to come.
- Pastor Erin
  - There are 10 people interested in attending the new member class. Hermosa is requesting another 6 months for Erin's help. A school, Empower Ed, is interested in renting out space in our building. This could be an opportunity for income. Mary has reached out to Cinnamon Hill Preschool to visit with them about any concerns they may have. More information to be gathered and shared at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Cinnamon Hill Lease Agreement: This will be looked at in April.
- Directory Information for congregation: This was presented by Patti. See above.

NEW BUSINESS

- Name change for ONA committee: The new name is The Diversity and Inclusion Committee UCC
- Hermosa support by Erin: Eileen reviewed the previous motion that supported Erin helping Hermosa UCC with pastor services including Sunday morning service at 8:00 a.m. This was approved for 6-months and ends the end of February 2024. Eileen made a motion to continue with this support for another 6-months to end August 31, 2024. Seconded by Dave Ledford. Discussion held. Motion approved.
- Renew Pastor Erin's Call for 2024:
  - Eileen reported that Erin is approved for ordination by the UCC Committee on Ministries. She has written a letter from our board to be sent to the committee in support of Erin's ordination. Seconded by Carol Boyles and motion approved.
  - Erin is currently serving as a designated term pastor since March of 2023. Eileen Rossow makes a motion to call Erin as out settled pastor to include a 15% increase in compensation upon her ordination. Seconded by Carol Boyles and motion approved.

The next board meeting will be March 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.  
Patti Arneson will give devotions.

Respectfully submitted.  
Sheila Long  
Clerk