

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
January 17, 2023

Moderator Chuck Rounds called the regular meeting of the Board to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Chuck Rounds, Eileen Rossow, Patti Arneson, Carol Boyles, Pat Lebrun, Susan Kelts, Bonnie Edwards, Denise Webster, Pat Sutliff, Alicia Sutliff-Benusis, Erin Erickson, and Dave Ledford.

Susan Kelts gave devotions from an excerpt called “Salty Language” by Rev. Martin Copenhaver.

The minutes of the December 20, 2022 board meeting were approved with a motion by Patti Arneson and a second by Susan Kelts.

The sign-up sheet for money counters was passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT

1. Denise Webster presented the financial statements for year ended 12/31/2022. One item in the 2022 financials was a \$16,710.28 negative amount in the Boiler Replacement Fund. It was moved by Bonnie Edwards and seconded by Patti Arneson to transfer that amount from the Legacy Fund to the Boiler Fund to bring the Boiler Fund to zero. Motion was approved.
2. Denise Webster then presented the Proposed Budget for 2023. It was moved by Bonnie Edwards and seconded by Pat Lebrun to approve the 2023 Budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting for approval by the congregation. Motion Approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Buildings and Grounds Dave Ledford reported that boiler sensors and temperature sensors have been installed in the building to notify of any drops in temperatures or problems with the boilers.
2. Stewardship and Budget Pat Lebrun reported that our financials are good and the 2023 budget has been completed. The two new members joining the department for 2023 are Randy Daughenbaugh and Barb Knight.
3. Education Patti Arneson reported that the Teens and Tweens would like to do a fund raiser for Superbowl Sunday asking that the congregation to donate 300 cans of food and \$300.00 for the Women and Children Group. Erin Erickson reported that two of the confirmands will not be able to attend Confirmation on Palm Sunday, so they are planning to have a “Lock-In” weekend sometime in February and then celebrate confirmation on the Sunday before Palm Sunday.
4. Hospitality Patti Arneson reported that they are tentatively planning a “Soup-R-Bowl Sunday for February 12, 2023 (Superbowl Sunday) where everyone will bring potluck soup for a meal after church.
5. Ministries Pat Sutliff reported that they are still selling cards on the first Sunday of the month for Church Response, but there has been minimal interest. Our next Mission Meal Service will be March 31, 2023. There was discussion concerning the cost of the Mission Meal. It was determined that there were four more fifth Fridays of the month in 2023 and they needed about \$500 per meal to pay for the food. It was decided that an additional item should be added to the 2023 Budget for Mission Meals. It was moved by Bonnie Edwards and seconded by Pat Sutliff to add \$2,000.00 to the 2023 Budget for Mission Meals. Motion approved. Cereal is requested for Church Response for February and March. Ministries is also considering having a bin for collections for the Hope Center.

6. Worship Bonnie Edwards reported that they have updated the roster for lay readers and greeters. She also reported that their two new members in the department will be Alicia Sutliff-Benusis and Lisa Lyons.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Infection Control Procedures. No changes.
2. New Phone System. KT Connections has installed the system and it is working.
3. The Nominating Committee reports that they have a couple more placements and they will be complete.
4. The Annual Meeting reports are almost complete.

NEW BUSINESS

1. There are currently three people in the new members class – Becky Tilghman, Carol Bell, and Rick Bell. Erin Erickson reported that there possibly would be a couple more people and that they would have another new member class if this is the case.
2. There was discussion about consideration of reducing the number of members required for the departments.

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

The next Board meeting will be February 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Eileen Rossow
Clerk