

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
March 21, 2023

Moderator Chuck Rounds called the regular meeting of the Board to order at 7:05 p.m. Those present were Chuck Rounds, Eileen Rossow, Patti Arneson, Harlan Stephens, Susan Kelts, Bonnie Edwards, Becky Fisher, Dave Ledford, Cindy Ledford, Robin Franson, Jenny Kozel, and Erin Erickson.

Erin Erickson gave devotions from “Disciplines” on Ezekiel 37 about dry bones and wind being the breath of life, and to remember to breath.

There was one addition to the agenda - A report from Jenny Kozel, a congregation representative, on concerns from members of the congregation.

The minutes of the February 28, 2023 board meeting were approved with a motion by Patti Arneson and a second by Harlan Stephens.

The sign-up sheet for money counters was passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Buildings and Grounds Dave Ledford – no report.
2. Stewardship and Budget Harlan Stephens reported that our financials are good.
3. Education Patti Arneson reported that on Palm Sunday they will have fun activities and on Easter Sunday there will be gifts for the kids.
4. Hospitality Robin Franson reported that they will have Easter cookies and in May muffins for Mother’s Day.
5. Ministries Cindy Ledford reported that the next Mission Meal will be March 31, 2023.
6. Worship Bonnie Edwards – no report.
7. Congregational Representative Jenny Kozel reported that several people from the congregation had come to the representatives with some concerns.
 - a. Lighting in the sanctuary. There should be more lighting at the center part of the front of the church. Dave Ledford will look into possible fixes and costs.
 - b. Music. People would like the service music to be more singable. The board requested that more specific information be provided as to what music is singable.
 - c. Language. Some would like that parts of the service be more gender neutral.
 - d. Signage. It was requested that the sign on the family bathroom be more gender neutral. A representative from the OnA committee reported that the signage is in the process of being changed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Infection Control Procedures. No changes.

NEW BUSINESS None.

Devotions will be given by Eileen Rossow for the April meeting.

The next Board meeting will be April 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Eileen Rossow
Clerk