

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
May 16, 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, Bonnie Edwards, Carol Boyles, Sheila Long, Jim Webster, and Randy Daughenbaugh.

Bonnie Edwards gave devotions titled “How’s My Driving” based on James 1:19 about patience and understanding and being quick to listen and slow to speak.

The minutes of the April 18, 2023 board meeting were approved with a motion by Bonnie Edwards and a second by Patti Arneson.

The sign-up sheet for money counters was passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Buildings and Grounds Jim Webster reported that there was another leak in the steeple area and they are going to get up on the roof and inspect the area to see what needs to be done to fix the problem. The on demand hot water heater was replaced.
2. Stewardship and Budget Randy Daughenbaugh reported that our financials are good. We are currently \$21,000 ahead of budget on income and our expenses are \$4,000 lower than budget. The department also made a change to procedures that includes a review every January of people with bank authority and bank signers.
3. Education Patti Arneson reported that the End of the Year Celebration on May 28th will have sub sandwiches provided by the Department and asking the congregation to bring potluck salads and dessert. On May 21st there will be a short dedication during service to recognize the five high school seniors who will be graduating.
4. Hospitality No report.
5. Ministries Sheila Long reported that the next Mission meal will be June 30th.
6. Worship Bonnie Edwards reported that the praise music group is working on coming up with singable songs to be used during services. The idea is to have one singable song at every service. The “old” doxology will now be sung every other Sunday. They are working on having other music for the summer months. Justin Speck is doing the music for the month of July.
7. Congregational Representative Carol Boyles reported that there was some discussion about the church music.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Coffee Hour. Volunteers for the entire month of May have been found. We possibly will have to announce at Coffee Hour when we need volunteers.
2. Absentee voting. This subject has been tabled until we receive more information from Alicia Sutliff-Benusis.
3. Christian Education Coordinator. Patti Arneson reported that the job description is posted through the end of May and that we currently have one applicant.
4. Lighting Quote. This subject has been tabled until we receive more information about the funding of the project.

NEW BUSINESS None.

Devotions will be given by Pastor Erin for the June meeting.

The next Board meeting will be June 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Eileen Rossow
Clerk