

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
November 14, 2022

Assistant Moderator Susan Kelts called the regular meeting of the Board to order at 5:04 p.m. Those present were Eileen Rossow, Sheila Long, Patti Arneson, Carol Boyles, Pat Lebrun, Todd Eddy, Erin Erickson, Susan Kelts, and Dave Ledford.

Erin Erickson gave devotions from Jan Richardson based on Blessing in the Chaos.

The minutes of the October 18, 2022 board meeting were approved with a motion by Sheila Long and a second by Patti Arneson.

The sign-up sheet for money counters was passed.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Buildings and Grounds Dave Ledford reported that the air handler belt had to be replaced. The bid to replace the 20 year old telephone system is about \$5,000 plus. One of the vacuum cleaners needs to be replaced. The cost will be about \$800. The women's fellowship has agreed to cover these costs. We are waiting on the final bill for the installation of the boiler.
2. Stewardship and Budget Pat Lebrun reported that the pledge campaign has started and we are receiving pledges. **All Committee Budgets are due December 1<sup>st</sup>.** Our financials are good with the help that expenses are under budget. Pledge cards are due December 1<sup>st</sup> and we will have Pledge Dedication Sunday on December 4<sup>th</sup>. We have invested in 90 day T-bills and they are earning the church some added revenue.
3. Education Patti Arneson reported that the Trunk and Treat Event in the parking lot on October 31<sup>st</sup> was a great success. We had about 125 trick or treaters. We will have an Appetizers and Artwork event on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Erin will provide information about Advent and Advent Calendars will be handed out. We will be decorating the church for Christmas on November 26<sup>th</sup>. This announcement should be included in the Bulletin.
4. Hospitality No Report.
5. Ministries Sheila Long reported that there will be the KOTA Care and Share Food Drive on November 18<sup>th</sup>. We are also still collecting for Church Response. The Angel Bazaar will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Martins. Belle Voce will be performing at Emanuel Episcopal Church on November 20<sup>th</sup>.
6. Worship Erin Erickson reported that we will have Christmas Eve services at 4:00 p.m. and the Contemplation Service at 11:30 p.m.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Pastoral Search Committee. Eileen Rossow reported that there was no new information.
2. Infection Control Procedures. Infection Control procedures for the next month were discussed.
  - a. Masks will be optional for the next month including the choir loft.
  - b. Fellowship hour will be held with coffee and cookies.
  - c. Outside groups will be allowed.
3. Black Hills Association. Erin Erickson, Laura Boyd, Chuck and Sybil Rounds, and Becky Fleming attended the Black Hills Association meeting at Placerville on October 23, 2022.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. There was review of the Lighting Maintenance proposal made by Rick Bell. Pat Lebrun moved that discussion on this item should be tabled and sent to Building and Grounds for any determinations or recommendations. Sheila Long seconded the motion and it was approved.
2. Patti Arneson reported that the janitorial service is going well.
3. Patti Arneson requested clarification on the Rapid City Storm Water Assessment. It was determined that there is a budget line item for that expense.

Devotions will be given by Chuck Rounds for the December meeting.

The next Board meeting will be December 20, 2022 at 5:00 p.m..

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Eileen Rossow  
Clerk