

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
September 19, 2023

Assistant Moderator Susan Kelts called the regular meeting of the Board to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Susan Kelts, Eileen Rossow, Patti Arneson, Becky Fisher, Pat Lebrun, Erin Erickson, Cindy Ledford, Mary Haan, Harlan Stephens, and Dave Ledford.

Patti Arneson gave devotions based on Children of All Ages.

There was one addition to the agenda. Eileen Rossow added a discussion about visitation.

The minutes of the June 20, 2023 and August 15, 2023 board meetings were approved with a motion by Dave Ledford 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 Banner has been installed over the front doors. The air conditioning was not working for several events, but has since been repaired. Water Tree replaced the water softener, which was a donation. We are still having water pressure issues.
2. Stewardship and Budget Harlan Stephens reported that the financials are good and within budgeted parameters. He also reminded us that the Fire Suppression System installation needs to be a priority with all the departments.
3. Christian Education Mary Haan reported that their Fall Kickoff was quite successful with 23 kids in attendance. They have curriculum scheduled through the semester. They are also working with Pastor Joe Bair at South Park to create a Teens and Tweens group to meet during the week. There will be a Trunk or Treat event again in October.
4. Hospitality Robin Franson reported that the Kick-off was a great success and that they are planning to have more potlucks.
5. Ministries Cindy Ledford reported that they will discontinue the selling of church response cards at the end of the year. They are thinking about have a Special Offering the second Sunday of February to support Church Response. It was suggested that possibly we should have a speaker at the Adult Forum to tell us about Church Response.
6. Worship No Report.
7. Congregational Representative No Report.
8. Erin Erickson She will be hosting the Interface Roundtable on September 20th to discuss support of the Hope Center. Erin will have her review with the Committee on Ministry on October 8th. She has requested that the board provide a letter of support to the COM with a request that she be considered for examination of ordination. It was moved by Harlan Stephens and seconded by Dave Ledford that the Board provide a letter of support for examination of ordination. The motion passed. Eileen Rossow will write a letter of support to be included with a letter from her advisor, Emily Munger, and a letter from the Local Discernment Committee. Erin also reported that last Sunday was her first Sunday preaching at the Hermosa Church.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Lighting There was discussion concerning lighting in the sanctuary. It was suggested that two other sources of information might be Justin Speck and Thom Palm.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sydney, our custodial help, has resigned effective October 1st. Mary Haan would like to try doing the job for the month of October to see if it would work with her schedule. The current rate of pay is \$13.50 per hour.
2. Cinnamon Hill has requested that we look into bullet proofing with windows. Patti Arneson and Tammy will visit the contractor who does the work to get more information.
3. Pat Lebrun would like to spend some of the Gene Lebrun memorial money in updating and refurbishing parts of the church. She has requested that we have a committee which would be in charge of architectural integrity and decoration. It was moved by Patti Arneson and seconded by Robin Franson to create an adhoc committee to oversee architectural integrity and decoration of the church. This committee would include at least one member from the Building and Grounds Department. The motion passed.
4. There was discussion concerning the need for carpet cleaning. Patti Arneson will investigate costs.
5. Eileen Rossow requested that a more formal system be set up for visitation of our church members. A committee of Erin Erickson, Patti Arneson, Mary Haan, Becky Fleming, and Eileen Rossow will work on a central listing of shut-ins and members to be visited.

Devotions will be given by Harlan Stephens for the October meeting.

The next Board meeting will be October 17, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Eileen Rossow
Clerk