

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Port Washington, Wisconsin

Winter Congregational Meeting – January 31, 2021 Meeting Summary

Meeting was called to order by Jeanne Mantsch, Church Moderator, at 11:02 a.m. There were 37 people in attendance via Zoom. Jeanne welcomed everyone to the meeting, and asked them to please mute themselves unless they had a question or discussion point.

Our new pastor, Rev. Dr. Scott McLeod, led all present in an opening prayer.

Lorraine Halls, our Financial Administrator, presented the 2020 year-end financial report. We received \$34,588 from the CARES Act Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan (which was forgiven) in the spring. In addition, we did not pay a full-time interim minister in November and December, saving the church \$12,298. These two factors helped us remain in the black for 2020.

Jim Clements, Property Team Chair, provided a recap of the Window and Bell Tower Repair Project. In the discussion that followed, the need for continued maintenance on the remaining windows led to a suggestion that we apply for a grant to preserve our historically significant windows.

Jason Jacque, Stewardship Committee Chair, presented a report of the Stewardship Campaign, which is now complete. The committee plans to facilitate one or possibly multiple fundraising events this year to help repay the Window and Bell Tower Repair Project loan. Jason also mentioned that the church is working to add PayPal as an online giving option on our website and on YouTube for our online services.

Lorraine Halls then presented the 2021 budget. Because of lower revenue, a \$24,964 shortfall is anticipated. It should be noted that the shortfall would be much greater if not for an expected second round of the PPP. Discussion ensued after a motion was made by Joe Mueller to accept the budget, seconded by Louise Mollinger and Claude Zimmerman.

The budget was approved by a majority of those present.

Phil Stepanski, Reopening Committee Chair, offered updates. Pastor Scott will serve on the committee, and four additional members agreed to join the committee. They most recently met on January 27, and plan to survey the congregation in the coming weeks.

Pastor Scott gave a report on his first month as pastor of First Congregational Church. He mentioned that it has been a great start. One of Scott's priorities is getting out and meeting our members and friends. He has delivered cookies (baked by the Fellowship Team) to over two dozen homes in the last few weeks, and hopes to visit everyone in the coming months.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.