

(The May minutes were approved at the Church Council meeting on June 12.)

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Church Council Minutes

May 8, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order – Called by Jodi Cowen, Moderator, at 6:33 p.m.

Jodi Cowen, Tracy Greymont, Phil Stepanski, Bill Bond, Jennifer Dimmer, Matt Riemer, Nancy Hinneberg, Shandy Roehrig, Pastor Jim, and Rhonda Thompson present

Opening Meditation – Pastor Jim shared a message and prayer from the United Church of Christ, following the selection of a new pope.

Approval of the Council Minutes –Nancy motions to approve the April minutes and Tracy seconds the motion. The minutes are approved.

Pastor Report given by Pastor Jim.

Treasurer Financial Updates (Phil) -

- Financial Statements --The checking account has a balance of \$68,209.73 (about \$16,000 is a portion of loan); the Mission account has a balance of \$0 and has been closed; the Cornerstone account balance is \$75,876.05; the Memorial Savings account balance is \$15,188.90; the Edward Jones account has a balance of \$61,208.08 (money from anonymous building fund donation and sale of Johnson & Johnson stock) and the RaiseRight checking account balance is \$3,560.94. The Cornerstone account earns a higher interest rate. The Edward Jones account is not intended to hold funds for extended periods due to lower interest amounts. Gross Profit total of \$117,296.77 (2025 Budget is \$60,711.96), Total Expenditures come to \$71,984.05 (2025 Budget is \$54,750.14). The Brat Fry profited 888.36. Note for the future Pig had good sales that kept food cost down. Any memorial money from the Bev Mueller funeral is to be dedicated to the Building Fund per the family's request. The total to date is \$2925. Phil and Kris worked together this past Monday.

Old Business

Council Roles up for Election:

- Fellowship- There is a possibility of a co-chair
- Property- Bill is working on it.
- Liturgy- There is a maybe
- Clerk-
- Treasurer- Phil is interested

Confirmation Sunday Plan on May 18 - Chancel and Handbell are both performing. Jennifer will check with Brett to see if the TV can be set up in the Sanctuary. Next year look at the calendar to set the date for confirmation, maybe separate from the choirs.

-Second service on the first Sunday of the month for Summer - For July and August have one service at 9:00 a.m. Jodi motions to have two services for the first Sunday in June, then switch to one service the first week of July and August and then back to two services for the first Sunday of the month in September. Tracy seconds the motion. The vote passes.

Old Business

Elevator updates and next steps - It has been determined that the elevator is not able to be fixed. Otis has submitted a quote and an estimate of six months before it can be installed and working. The electrician will submit a separate quote for electrical work beyond the elevator quote. Phil will call the insurance once we have three quotes.

New Business

Spring Congregational Meeting - June 8th or alternate date?- Jodi motions to reschedule the congregational meeting to June 22. Bill seconds the motion. The vote passes.

Summer Pampered Chef Fundraiser- Nancy - Pampered Chef is doing double donations again in August. Nancy would like to do the fundraiser again in August. It was discussed to have a FCC kitchen wish list. Demo days over the next couple of months to promote the fundraiser.

Any other new business to come before the Council? Pastor Jim reached out to Savannah and Christin with Lighthouse.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by Rhonda Thompson - Clerk