



# First Congregational Church

*An open and inclusive community of faith.*

## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

### **FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

#### Church Council Minutes

February 11, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Jeanne Mantsch.

Those present were Jeanne Mantsch, Phil Stepanski, Pastor Scott McLeod, Lorraine Halls, Kathy Bretl, Savannah Anderson, Mike Spalding, Jason Jacque, Ric Probst, Bill Bond, Jim Clements, Marti DeMario, Eric Olson.

Jeanne presented a suggestion which would allow Church Council minutes to be included in the newsletter that Amy is creating. That is, that Council minutes be approved via email so that they could be included in the monthly e-newsletter on a more timely basis. Moved and seconded, and approved by the Council.

Opening Meditation Kathy Bretl

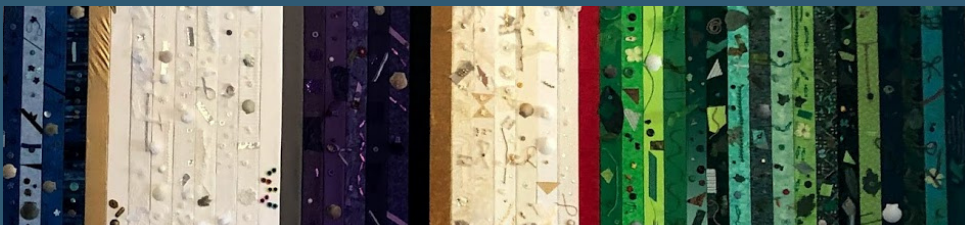
(Kathy volunteered to do the March Meditation because Jeanne inadvertently skipped right into the business meeting.)

Approval of the Minutes – January 2021

Phil moved, and Marti seconded the motion to approve the January 2021 minutes. The motion was approved by the full Council. Jeanne told the Council that the current approved minutes would be posted in the new monthly e-newsletter being developed by Amy.

Financial Administrator's Report (Lorraine)

Lorraine stated that she will be meeting with our Accountant (Bill Kirchen) next week. She also reported that we applied for and were awarded a 2<sup>nd</sup> PPP loan, with the same forgiveness rules. Lorraine presented the Port Pre-School contract for the coming school year. After some discussion the contract, as presented, was voted on and approved to present to the Port Pre-School folks. Our elevator needed work and the bill came to \$1790.75. A state inspection is also required yearly. This will exceed our budgeted amount. The total cost will be around \$2,800. Repairs are needed to the exterior sculpture. There was a \$2,800 donation earmarked for the repair by the Lenys Walden family. Work will begin when weather permits.



## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES, continued

### Old Business

#### 2021 Budget (Lorraine)

Lorraine presented the Y.T.D. budget with a projected shortfall of \$25,000 after receipt of our 2nd PPP loan.

#### Window Repair Project Final Report (Jim)

This project has been completed and reported to the congregation at the January congregational meeting by Jim. Thank you, Jim, for handling this tough job.

#### Annual Stewardship Campaign (Jason)

Online Giving – We plan to have Pay Pal in place soon.

Jason reported that hand-written *Thank You* letters have been sent to all members that have pledged.

#### Reopening Committee Report

Phil reported that a survey will be sent out to the Congregation with some reopening questions, results of which will be shared with the Council and the congregation. The Wisconsin Council of Churches hybrid services were discussed. The need for a Wi-Fi boost in Fellowship Hall was discussed as a need for an option for our reopening plan.

#### Christmas Tree Sale Report

The final reporting on this topic showed a revenue of \$7,500 after costs.

Pastoral Care Committee – Phil reported that the committee has several additional members and will be meeting soon.

#### Winter Congregational Meeting Recap

Held at 11:00 am on January 31 via Zoom with 37 participants.



# CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES, continued

## New Business

### Property Committee – Discussion

There has never been a formal structure for this Council committee. Jim is willing to continue as Property Chair but feels unable to direct the work of a team. Since the weekly walk throughs and work began informally, Jeanne recommended contacting Claude Zimmerman and Joe Mueller to discuss their thoughts.

### Pastor's Report (Pastor Scott)

Scott reminded the Council that the first week of Lent is arriving shortly. Planning on “cookie visits” with all congregants (if he doesn’t eat all the cookies first). In addition, he will be sharing our Lenten schedule, with giving options for Family Promise and Port Washington Food Pantry.



## Baptism

*Congratulations and a lifetime of blessings to Perry Allen Vandenack, son of Angela and Kallyn, who was baptized into the Christian faith on Sunday, February 21. Pastor Scott conducted the private baptism (his first here at FCC!) in Fellowship Hall.*