

# APPROVED SEPTEMBER CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

(The September Minutes were approved at the October 13, 2022 meeting.)

## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Church Council Minutes September 8, 2022

Call to Order by Jason Jacque @ 6:36

Pastor Scott, Jason Jacque, Phil Stepanski, Mike Spalding, Ken Matthews, Kathy Bretl, Jennifer Dimmer, Jodi Cowen, Shandy Roehrig and Rhonda Thompson.

Opening Meditation – Mike Spalding found his inspiration for meditation at [UnfoldingLight.net](http://UnfoldingLight.net). The site is a daily reflection by Steve Garnaas-Homes. His meditation was from a passage of Luke on where to sit at a banquet table.

Approval of the Minutes – August 2022 – Ken Matthews motions to approve the August minutes with the stated revision and Kathy Bretl seconds the motion. The minutes are approved.

Monthly Budget Review (Phil/Kathy)-Phil feels that things are still okay. The checking account balance is down about \$5000 from where it had been. He feels expenses are likely to exceed income the next couple of months and money will need to be transferred from the memorial savings. Phil is in the midst of reconciling Quickbooks with the bank statement. He started the reconciliation with the calendar year of 2022.

Pastor's Moment (Pastor Scott)-Membership review in the past followed procedures according to the constitution and practices like review of membership roster and sending missing members letters asking for acknowledgment to continue or not continue with membership. With all the changes the last few years it seemed appropriate for more than a letter to be sent when asking if continued membership was desired for anyone not seen within the church walls. A small team of members have reviewed the list and finalized it so Pastor Scott can call those members to confirm their membership. He is hoping to finish by the end of September. Ken is volunteering to help reach out to members.

### Old Business

Capital Campaign Update – (Scott)- The planning team has written a letter. This letter is set to go out to about 40 families asking if they would help by hosting a meeting in their house or at the church in October and November. The idea for the meeting is to connect with others and to obtain feedback on hopes, dreams and/or worries. Then Capital Campaign members would like to share concerns for the church building as it ages and what that might look like for the years to come.

Building maintenance updates – (Bill)- There is no report as Bill was unable to make the meeting, but Jennifer brings up the possible addition of a handrail in the area of the sanctuary podium.

Rental Space update – (Scott)-Troy and Lorraine are brainstorming on possibilities. Once the rooms are painted they plan to take photos and advertise to promote the space for rent.

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Meditation schedule for Council Meetings – (Jason)- Half the slots are full. Jason will start randomly assigning months that are not filled.

## New Business

Stewardship Campaign Introduction (Jodi)-They are down one committee member, if anyone knows of someone that could help please pass contact information along. The committee will come up with a theme and use the same plan as last year. In October a two fold mailing will be sent out. Newsletter announcements and social media posts, testimonials will start in October. This all starts with an announcement in the October newsletter. Once again there will be a three week challenge. Pledges will officially be due the first week in December and then follow up phone calls for those not turning them in. Written thank you's will also be sent out. Jodi's request is for more willing volunteers, for Phil to share the financial story, for Amy and Beckie to help as they always do, and for Brett to run video.

Chris Drasch will be taking on the responsibility of Card ministry.

Communion servers- Pastor Scott has learned that Council members in previous years had served communion. He would like to reinstate this practice.

Pastor Scott plans to reinstate the Passing of the Peace this Sunday.

Any other new business to come before the Council? No

Closing Prayer and Adjournment- Meeting is adjourned at 8:03 pm.



## PROPERTY TEAM UPDATES AND MEETING MINUTES

Our Property Team is an active church team comprised of a handful of folks from the church. The team keeps a close eye on our church and works to maintain all aspects of our church building and grounds. Bill Bond is their Team Representative on the Church Council. Bill invites anyone who is interested to join the team. They meet around noontime on the last Friday of each month. The team would like to share their minutes with the church. Please click below for their recent meeting minutes:

[September 2022 Property Team Minutes](#)



## RECORDINGS OF WORSHIP SERVICES

We continue to record our Sunday worship services each week for those who are unable to attend. Be sure to subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#) ("First Congregational Church of Port Washington"). This allows you to receive immediate notification when a service is uploaded.