**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**CONSISTORY MINUTES – JANUARY 18, 2021**

A meeting of the Consistory of First United Church of Christ was held on Monday, January 18, 2021. **Present (in person and via ZOOM):** Pat Frey, Bill Harrison, David McKibben, Kathy Wilson, Mike Coulson, Kate Poe, Craig Kern, Susan Stott, Dave Rohrer, Greg Lewis, Dallas Bailey, Lee Fischbach, Pastor Chris Schwab, and Karen Byers.

**MINUTES:** On a McKibben/Harrison motion, the Minutes of December 14, 2020 were approved. Motion carried.

**PASTOR’S REPORT:** In addition to Pastor Chris Schwab’s report, the following changes were made:

1. There were no face-to-face services on December 20, December 24, December 27, January 3, and January 10; all were virtual services.

In addition, Pastor Chris reported he has received the following quotes regarding updating the audio for virtual church services:

1. Enspire ADL – $10,000 total, for equipment and labor;
2. SDK Electronics - $403 total, for equipment and labor (connect to audio

system/microphones); and

1. To purchase an encoder online with DIY installation - $200.

On a McKibben/Harrison motion, Option #2 was chosen. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Susan reported both expenses and income were down for the year. Our financial advisor suggested waiting until after the inauguration to reinvest any funds.

**Property Management:** David reported one month remains on the Filta Shield contract (sanitizing church building). He will wait until there is a definitive opening date to contact Filta Shield to proceed.

David also reported that Ken Stoner plans to retire the end of 2021. David is going to begin a job search for Ken’s replacement, in the hopes of hiring someone by early summer to work with Ken, until he leaves. Ken also expressed a desire to work part-time (days that his replacement does not work).

**NEW BUSINESS:** Greg Lewis presented a Covid update. Consensus of Consistory is to wait until Task Force meets on January 25 to make a decision on reopening for face-to-face services. Until that decision is made, the Church will remain closed through January.

Pastor Chris indicated, whether or not we are having face-to-face services, the Souper Bowl will continue. Church members may donate via: drive-thru in parking lot (volunteers in attendance to collect donations), personal pick up at individual homes (upon request), mail-in donations, or electronically. Bill Harrison (as well as his wife, Lisa) and Kathy Wilson volunteered to collect money via drive-thru. Bill suggested a donation goal in the amount of $500 for this year. All donations will be sent to Project SHARE.

Pastor Chris reminded Consistory that drive-thru donations may be made as follows:

-First Wednesday of Each Month: Spaghetti and sauce for Project SHARE

-Second Wednesday of Each Month: Ramen Noodles for Community CARES

-Every Friday – coats, jackets/sleeping bags for Community CARES

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen F. Byers, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 15 – 10:00 AM (via ZOOM or in person) Devotions for February 15 meeting: Greg Lewis**