

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**CONSISTORY MINUTES – January 19, 2020**

A meeting of the Consistory of First United Church of Christ was held on Sunday, January 19, 2019, at 9:00 AM. Present: Pat Frey, David McKibben, Jim O'Neal, Bill Harrison, Lee Fischbach, Dave Rohrer, Susan Stott, Dennis Eckman, Kate Poe, Kirk Wilson, Pastor Schwab, and Karen Byers. Absent: Mak Makibbin.

Karen Byers opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

**MINUTES:** On a Wilson/Stoff motion, the Minutes of December 15, 2019, were approved. Motion carried.

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** On a Harrison/Fischbach motion, the Report was approved. Motion carried.

**PASTOR SCHWAB'S REPORT:** On a McKibben/O'Neal motion, the Report was approved. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** In the absence of Mak Makibbin, Susan Stott presented the report. Susan reported Council reviewed the year-end investments, which did well. Accounts will be revisited and some changes will be made; less stocks and more bonds. On an O'Neal/Eckman motion, the Treasurer's Report was approved. Motion carried.

**CARING FELLOWSHIP:** Karen reminded everyone of Winter Picnic on January 26. Karen requested a volunteer to take desk duty on this date, as she will be in the kitchen; Dennis Eckman volunteered to handle those duties.

**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT:** David reported work on the Louthier Street side of the plaza has been completed, and was much worse than the Pitt Street side (there were 50-60 holes). Pat inquired if there is a warranty on this work; David would check into this; and Jim indicated the life of the original rubber is long past.

David also reported an estimate of \$10,977 was received for the parking lot/garden side of the plaza (has not been brought before Council, as they will not meet until January 22). In addition, the wall along the steps has water streaks.

David stated an individual requested a handicap-accessible restroom for the first floor of the Church. Council will be exploring options to the main floor restrooms to make them more handicap accessible; a ramp is not feasible - too steep. A suggestion was made to have a new restroom, using a portion of the Choir Room (approximately 7'x10'), at a cost of \$20,000-\$25,000. Discussion followed. Karen mentioned, when renovations were made to the Church in the early 80's, ADA guidelines were followed and 2 handicap-accessible restrooms were installed (lower level, near Fellowship Hall, and on the upper level, near the balcony). Although there is no handicap-accessible restroom on the main floor, facilities are provided.

David approved a 2% salary increase for Ken and Kathy.

**CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:** Dave reminded everyone of CARES being in Fellowship Hall during the month of February and helpers are needed, as well as donations of cereal.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** No action taken.

**CHURCH AND MINISTRY:** Denny proposed one service for February 9, when the Buzz Jones Band would be presenting a program during the second service. Bill requested the first service be held for those who enjoy the traditional service at that time. On a McKibben/O'Neal motion, there will be two services on February 9. Motion carried.

**STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL:** See Treasurer's Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Pat announced she will be naming a Nominating Committee in February.

Kirk inquired as to who maintains the Church's webpage; Pastor Chris indicated he did so. Kirk offered to assist Pastor Chris.

On a Wilson/O'Neal motion, the meeting adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen F. Byers, Secretary

**Desk Duty/Devotions for February: Patricia Frey**

**March: Kirk Wilson**

**April: Lee Fischbach**

**May: Mak Makibben**

**June: Susan Stott**

**Next Meeting: Sunday, February 16 – 9:00 AM**