

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CONSISTORY MINUTES – JULY 20, 2020

A meeting of the Consistory of First United Church of Christ was held on Monday, July 20, 2020. **Present:** Patricia Frey, Dallas Bailey, Lee Fischbach, Bill Harrison, Greg Lewis, David McKibben, Kate Poe, David Rohrer, Susan Stott, Kathy Wilson, Karen Byers, and Pastor Schwab. **Absent:** Dennis Eckman and Mike Coulson.

DEVOTIONS: Karen Byers opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

MINUTES: On a McKibben/Stott motion, the Minutes of June 22, 2020, were approved. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Pat reminded Consistory of completing all forms for payment, rather than relying on Iva to do so.

PASTORS' REPORTS: Pastor Chris inquired as to whether or not we could have a gathering at Leo's for an ice cream social – we could social distance in their parking lot/table area. David indicated possibly meeting at the Schwab's. Consistory members felt we would be unable to properly distance ourselves, depending on how many people attended – whether it be at Schwab's or Leo's. The consensus of Consistory members felt it would be best to wait until August or September, when people could sign up.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: David reported they are awaiting the third estimate for a camera security system. Once received, the estimates will be reviewed by Council and a recommendation made.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Susan distributed budget sheets for each Council; these are to be returned to Susan in August, after each Council has met to discuss their upcoming budget for 2021.

Susan also reported there is little change in Church finances. Stewardship Council is meeting via Zoom.

NEW BUSINESS: Greg distributed a Summary of Church Reopening Progress Report. Since numbers are continuing to rise, Greg recommended the Church not open on August 16. After discussion, Consistory has chosen to not reopen the Church until September 13 (after Labor Day). Locally, a few churches are open, mostly having outdoor services; a few are doing indoor services.

Pat proposed we continue with one service, at either 10:00 or 10:45; Bill indicated Sunday School time could be readjusted (9:00-9:45 AM), if we choose to continue with one service at 10:00.

On a Byers/Harrison motion, Consistory's proposal for one service at 10:00 AM will continue, for the present. Motion carried.

Kate indicated someone from Church requested additional information (general news – basically, what was previously printed in the Yellow Sheet) – deaths, hospitalizations, prayer list, etc. be included in newsletters being sent to Church members or included in an email/ mailing to members. David mentioned bullet points could be included in mailings. Chris inquired who was doing this letter...Karen offered to assist Chris. Dallas requested each Council could possibly provide a bullet for these newsletters. Greg felt more information may help relieve anxiety some of our members are feeling at this time. Karen suggested the Summary of Church Reopening Progress be included with the mailing.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned on a Byers/Rohrer motion. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 17– 10:00 (Fellowship Hall; Kate Poe via ZOOM)

AUGUST DEVOTIONS: Susan Stott

Respectfully submitted,

Karen F. Byers, Secretary