**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**CONSISTORY MINUTES – OCTOBER 19, 2020**

A meeting of the Consistory of First United Church of Christ was held on Monday, October 19, 2020. **Present:** Patricia Frey, Michael Coulson, Susan Stott, Greg Lewis, David McKibben, Dallas Bailey, Bill Harrison, Kathy Wilson, Lee Fischbach, Kate Poe, Dave Rohrer, Pastor Chris Schwab, and Karen Byers. **Absent:**  Dennis Eckman.

**DEVOTIONS:** David McKibben opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

**MINUTES:** On a McKibben/Harrison motion, the Minutes of September 21, 2020, were approved. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:** None.

**PASTORS’ REPORTS:** Pastor Chris indicated he continues to work on the audio for the Sunday service.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Susan reported funds had been transferred from an investment account to pay bills. The financial advisor recommended we move funds from equity into cash, until we are in a better financial situation.

**CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:** Greg reported Council served 80 roast turkey dinners at My Brothers Table on Saturday, October 17.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Opening Plans:** Greg reported the Task Force Committee met last week and are prepared to reopen on Sunday, October 25, at 10:1AM. Prior to entering the Church, temperatures will be taken of each parishioner.

Greg also reported receiving a bid from Filta Environmental of $777 per month (or a discount of $732 per month for 3 months), as opposed to $400 per week, for sanitizing the Church; this company uses misting, rather than fogging – the misting lasts longer and is followed with an electrostatic technique, which is good for a month. In addition, we would do a wipe-down of bannisters, elevator buttons, and door handles.

Bill inquired as to what areas would be misted. Greg indicated the following: Main floor hallways, office, sanctuary, bathrooms, second floor Sunday School Room, Fellowship Hall, downstairs hallways, and bathrooms. Bill requested Sunday School rooms and Children’s Library be done, as well; Greg indicated they could be included. On a McKibben/Harrison motion, Consistory approved contracting with Filta Environmental to sanitize Church building. Motion carried.

Greg reported Church would reopen on Sunday, October 25, if no changes were made in State medical reports. Mike inquired as to whether the balcony would be open; Greg reported the balcony was for overflow use only.

For the October 25 opening, Greg reported that David and Karen McKibben and Bob and Sue Myers would be the ushers.

**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT:** David reported receiving bids of $20,000+, $19,000+, and $13,255 (which does not include a laptop computer for the sanctuary) for a security system. Council recommends the bid of $13,255 from Hilton, as Council approved a budget of $17,000. On a McKibben/Lewis motion, Consistory approved the bid from Hilton, after January 1, 2021. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Pat indicated Stewardship Council would lead the November 1 worship service. At this meeting, Minutes from the November 2019 meeting would be approved (no meeting in May 2020, due to Covid-19), as well as approve the 2021 budget. Susan concurred Stewardship Council would be presenting at this service. Pat reminded Consistory members that we require a quorum of 30 people.

**Building Fund:** Susan indicated that Building Fund donations were being separated from General Fund donations.

Mike indicated that there is no longer a need for a Building Fund; however, if taken away, some Church members will no longer contribute to the “slush fund”. Dave suggested redefining the title; Dallas suggested redefining the purpose of this fund – “Capital Expenses”/”Rainy Day Fund”. Mike, Susan, and Dallas will meet to discuss this issue and report back to Consistory.

**Resignation:** Pat reported Dennis Eckman has resigned as an Elder from Consistory, effective immediately. Dennis’ term expires in May 2020. Pat will accept recommendations for a replacement.

On a Rohrer/Wilson motion, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen F. Byers, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 16** – **10:00 AM**