

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CONSISTORY MINUTES – April 19, 2021

A meeting of the Consistory of First United Church of Christ was held on Monday, April 19, 2021. **Present (in person and via Zoom):** Pat Frey, Mike Coulson, David McKibben, Bill Harrison, Craig Kern, Dallas Bailey, Susan Stott, Pastor Chris Schwab, Pastor Rachel Schwab, Lyndsey Wilston, Dave Rohrer. **Absent:** Lee Fischbach, Greg Lewis, and Karen Byers.

Pastor Chris opened the meeting with prayer.

On a Harrison/Coulson motion, the Minutes of March 15, 2021, were approved. Motion carried.

Pastor Rachel: Rachel mentioned her new project. She is gaining a certificate in Trauma and Spiritual Care to better serve the people of the church and community. It is funded by a Senate Grant and the Schwab's will be covering the remaining cost of the certificate. It will be 1 full weekend per quarter for 1 year.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Chris pointed out the virtual worship statistics in his report to indicate the importance of keeping the virtual services, even after COVID is over.

Treasurer's Report: Susan reported we are now operating at a surplus- investments have rebounded, which is a positive. Other than that, things have remained about the same.

New Business: Congregational meeting is May 2nd and the question of how we proceed was brought to the table. Do we only do in-person ballots or email/mail ballots or both? We need 35 votes to meet quorum.

On a Harrison/McKibben motion, we will proceed with having in-person and email/mail ballots. The email/mail ballots will be sent out no later than Wednesday, April 21st by Lyndsey.

Lyndsey presented the proposal for Doceo replacing 3 WiFi access points (Office, Sanctuary, and Fellowship Hall). Netrepid did not provide the passwords to monitor the access points, so they are a security risk for our internet. Doceo quoted 5.5 hours @ reduced rate of \$95.00 per hour and \$800.00 for all 3 access points. Bringing the total proposal to \$1,322.50.

On a Bailey/Coulson motion, the Doceo proposal was approved. Motion carried.

COVID Task Force:

Church attendance has increased from 26 to 35 from the April 11th service to the April 18th service. The current COVID procedures will remain the same for the building and services.

David McKibben and Greg Lewis discussed how the CDC guidelines are changing. The CDC guidelines for the possibility of catching COVID by touching surfaces is now only 1 in 10,000. McKibben suggested to renege having only one exit and possibly bring back the coat racks. Coulson brought up the point of people passing each other in the hallway and Harrison suggested possibly bringing the Bibles back if surfaces were not as concerning. Bailey suggested allowing the reopening committee to discuss and make their recommendations. Bailey also questioned if Filta Shield was a necessity every month if surfaces were not as concerning. McKibben mentioned we have a contract with Filta Shield until July, so we will fulfill our contract and then discuss future use. Frey and Coulson both agreed to not rush the process and wait to see how returning to church unfolds. The reopening committee will be contacted to discuss the new CDC guidelines and the possibility of changing 1st UCC's building and service guidelines.

New Consistory members will be joining the next meeting.

On a Rohrer/Harrison motion, the meeting is adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyndsey Wilston, Office Administrator

Next Meeting: Monday, May 17 – 10 AM

Devotions for May: Bill Harrison