

FIRST UCC CONSISTORY MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2022

A meeting of the Consistory of First United Church of Christ was held on Sunday, October 16, 2022. Present were Craig Kern, Pat Frey, Barb Simonton, Karen Byers, Greg Lewis, Pastor Chris Schwab, Jane Schmeck, Sue Fry Wickard, Gail Havens and Lisa Harrison (by phone). Missing: Mike Coulson, Dallas Bailey and Brian Gish

Devotions were provided by Craig Kern.

The September 2022 Consistory minutes were approved by Karen Byers and seconded by Pat Frey. All approved.

Pastor Chris Schwab reported it has been posted in the newsletter and weekly bulletins about the new sound system picking up conversations in the sanctuary before and after services. Chris's report about the first half of his sabbatical was printed in the October newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Craig Kern reported overall investments were down \$700,000. This is due to expenses this year for the new HVAC system, the new sound system and some losses in the market. Expenses are down this year with councils under spending their 2022 budgets. The treasurer's report was approved by Pat Frey and seconded by Barb Simonton. All approved.

Church and Ministry: A proposal was mentioned about possibly having an 8:00 AM service once a month. Council will be discussing this idea further in January or February 2023.

Christian Education: Trunk or Treat will be happening in the church parking lot on October 31. Chris reported we have 13 "trunks" signed up to participate.

Property Management: A chain will be put up at the Louther Street entrance to the parking lot starting on November 1. It has been posted in the October newsletter and sent out to members by email. Signs will be posted in the parking lot. Access to the parking lot will only be through the Dickinson Avenue alley.

Church & Community Connections: Council will be serving the meal at My Brother's Table on November 19. Council will be signing up for dates in 2023. Community Cares has been contacted about what types of food items they could use for their clients.

COVID report: New variants BF & BQ have emerged. These variants are not as responsive to current treatments. Everyone was encouraged to get their flu shots.

There was no new business.

Craig Kern read a second devotion to end the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion from Pat Frey and seconded by Sue Fry Wickard. The next meeting will be Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Havens
Secretary of Consistory