

FIRST UCC CONSISTORY MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2023

A meeting of the Consistory of First United Church of Christ was held on Sunday, February 19, 2023. Present were Sue Fry Wickard, Karen Byers, Pat Frey, Barb Simonton, Craig Kern, Greg Lewis, Mike Coulson, Lisa Harrison, Dallas Bailey, Jane Schmeck, Pastor Chris Schwab and Gail Havens. Missing: Brian Gish

Devotions were provided by Barb Simonton.

The January 2023 Consistory minutes were approved by Pat Frey and seconded by Karen Byers. All approved.

Treasurer's Report was approved by Pat Frey and seconded by Jane Schmeck, All approved.

New Business: Mike Coulson announced our office administrator Lyndsey Hendricks has submitted her resignation letter effective April 21, 2023. Mike will be putting together a search committee to find her replacement.

Property Management Council: Dallas Bailey reported The Verdin Company was recently at the church to inspect the bells. This is the company that installed the bells in the tower back in the 1930's. There is an electronic unit on the third floor behind the organ pipes not installed by Verdin that is old and unable to be repaired. Dallas asked them for a proposal to replace this unit which was \$20,000. They also have a board which would allow Sharon Maurer to play the bells from the organ for \$900-\$1,000. In addition, this board has a catalog of about 100 seasonal songs and Sharon could record songs to play. Property council will be meeting this week to discuss the proposal. Lead time if we go with the proposal would be 2-3 months before work would be done. A motion for \$21,000 to cover this proposal was made by Sue Wickard and seconded by Barb Simonton. All approved. The funds will come from the Fine Arts fund. Verdin Company said the bells and clappers are in good shape. They recommend the bells should be lubricated twice a year. The company has a local maintenance worker based in York who could do this work.

Follow-up from visit by Lt Miller with Carlisle Police: Dallas had Ken Stoner check all the first aid kits in the church. They are stocked with bandages and the like, but no tourniquets. Dallas checked into finding some with Quality Care Pharmacy and was referred to church member Dick Burkholder, head trainer for Carlisle Schools. Dallas will reach out to him.

Property management will be discussing how to enforce the new parking lot policy. It was recommended we have parking permits and a sign at the entrance for permit parking only.

Christian Ed Council: \$563.00 was collected by the kids for Souper Bowl Sunday. Their goal had been \$300.00.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Chris reported his cell phone had died and a new one was purchased which is an additional expense of \$10 per month. A motion for this expense was made by Pat Frey and seconded by Karen Byers. All approved.

Donations will be collected for the victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria Sunday, February 26. A matching contribution will be made from the Good Samaritan Fund. It was recommended we do a plate

collection in the pews that Sunday. All agreed we should resume plate collections for the offering during services.

The meeting was adjourned by Pat Frey and seconded by Karen Byers.

The next meeting will be Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Havens
Secretary of Consistory