

FIRST UCC CONSISTORY MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 21, 2022

A meeting of the Consistory of First United Church of Christ was held on Sunday, August 21, 2022. Present were Pat Frey, Barb Simonton, Craig Kern, Dallas Bailey, Karen Byers, Sue Fry Wickard, Pastor Rachel Schwab, Greg Lewis, Mike Coulson, Brian Gish, Lisa Harrison and Gail Havens. Missing: Jane Schmeck

Devotions were provided by Gail Havens.

Consistory did not meet in July 2022. The June 2022 Consistory minutes were approved by Karen Byers and seconded by Pat Frey. All approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Rachel reported one person who attended Sunday services on August 14 had tested positive for COVID-19. Members and visitors who attended this service were notified. No one else is known to have tested positive.

Church & Ministry: Barb Simonton mentioned a gentleman who attended a service a few weeks ago had made some members uncomfortable since he was carrying a sack. Council was wondering about options of having someone armed with a concealed weapon like a retired law enforcement officer. Another option suggested was a panic button maybe tied into a security system. Dallas Bailey reported the church is on a list with the state police for a security assessment review. He is not sure how long it will be before they can come and make the assessment.

Property Management: Dallas Bailey reported the electricians from McClure's would be finishing up phase one of the air conditioning installation in the sanctuary this coming week. Phase two work will then begin on the air conditioning in Fellowship Hall and downstairs.

COVID report: Greg Lewis reported 3020 cases in the state. One in four in the state has had COVID since January 2020. 70% of all ages have been vaccinated with 93% of seniors in the state. Pfizer is working on a booster covering omicron and its variants. We are no longer required to quarantine or social distance. Monkey pox is spread by touch. It is mainly treated by medication and rarely results in death. Vaccines for monkey pox are limited.

New Business: Dallas Bailey mentioned two requests received by Property Management for use of church facilities. One is Carlisle Cantata on December 4th. Another group is interested in using the church on Tuesday evenings for rehearsals. Property will review these proposals at their August meeting.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion from Pat Frey and seconded by Sue Fry Wickard. The next meeting will be Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Havens
Secretary of Consistory