

FIRST UCC CONSISTORY MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

A meeting of the Consistory of First United Church of Christ was held on Sunday, September 18, 2022. Present were Pat Frey, Barb Simonton, Craig Kern, Dallas Bailey, Karen Byers, Sue Fry Wickard, Pastor Chris Schwab, Jane Schmeck, Mike Coulson, Lisa Harrison and Gail Havens. Missing: Greg Lewis and Brian Gish

Devotions were provided by Lisa Harrison.

The August 2022 Consistory minutes were approved by Jane Schmeck and seconded by Karen Byers. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Craig Kern reported we are about 10% behind in giving this year. Giving was up in the month of August. An adjustment to the Todd Trust was being made by the financial institution handling the trust. They had been miscalculating the amount to be distributed monthly.

2023 Budget: Individual giving was adjusted down from \$196,000 to \$160,000 for 2023. Other income sources were also adjusted down due to the market. Overall, the 2023 budget was reduced by \$84,000 from 2022's budget. Property management's budget was going up due increases in electricity and trash hauling costs. Craig made a motion to approve the 2023 budget. It was accepted by Karen Byers and seconded by Pat Frey. All approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Chris brought up an issue of the new sound system picking up conversations of people in the sanctuary before and after the service. It was felt we needed to notify the congregation since the services are streamed. A suggestion was made to put a notice in the bulletin, in the monthly newsletter and signs on the sanctuary doors.

Pastor Chris's Sabbatical: It was recommended Chris provide Consistory with a 2-3 page progress report on what had been planned, what had been accomplished in 2022 and what was still upcoming for the second half of his sabbatical in 2023.

Property Management: Dallas Bailey reported the HVAC work was almost finished. There was just some tweaking on the systems to get the temperature settings right for most of the congregation. They also will be coming back to redo some of the ceiling tiles in the hallway by the kitchen. We now have two systems to do cooling. One is for the sanctuary and the other for Fellowship Hall. Council is still looking to narrow down where the leakage from the Plaza is located.

New Business: Pastor Chris discussed an outreach program of possibly feeding members of the community on October 8 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The food would all be take-away. Another idea was suggested to provide healthy snacks such as apples, oranges and bananas to Community Cares. Community Cares give out snacks during the day. A motion was made by Chris. It was accepted by Mike Coulson and seconded by Karen Byers. All approved.

Property management is working on a parking lot policy for dealing with traffic passing through the parking lot and unwanted parking. Ideas are to put up chains again Monday to Fridays with the lot open on weekends and for weddings/funerals. We do currently have some people paying for parking during the week.

Additional equipment still needs installed for the sound system. We need to get people trained to work the sound board. It will be advertised to get volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion from Pat Frey and seconded by Lisa Harrison. The next meeting will be Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Havens
Secretary of Consistory