**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**CONSISTORY MINUTES – FEBRUARY 15, 2021**

A meeting of the Consistory of First United Church of Christ was held on Monday, February 15, 2021. **Present (in person and via Zoom):** Pat Frey, Bill Harrison, David McKibben, Mike Coulson, Kate Poe, Craig Kern, Lee Fischbach, Susan Stott, Dave Rohrer, Greg Lewis, Dallas Bailey, Pastor Chris Schwab, and Karen Byers.

Greg Lewis opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

On a McKibben/Lewis motion, the Minutes of January 18, 2021, were approved. Motion carried.

**Pastor’s Report:** Pastor Chris had nothing to add to his report.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Susan reported expenses and income are down, compared to last year, for obvious reasons.

**Property Management:** David reported he has tweaked the job description for Ken’s position. Once approved by Council, David will contact JFC regarding a direct-hire position.

Pat inquired if David has been in touch with Kathy (the part-time employee), and he indicated he has not. David presumes she has found work; however, he will contact her. Both Pat and Karen expressed concern that Kathy should be contacted, prior to advertising position, to avoid any conflict or issues; David indicated he would do so.

**New Business:**  Greg Lewis reported on the Covid 19 Committee, indicating County numbers are down to 6.9%. He has prepared a questionnaire to be sent to the congregation. Consistory felt we need to reenforce the need for continuing to wear masks once the Church reopens. Following discussion, on a Harrison/Coulson motion, Consistory approved mailing the questionnaire, with an enclosed self-addressed (not stamped) envelope, as well as having members sign the form. Motion carried.

Greg indicated he felt reopening was getting closer; we will look at the survey results to reevaluate the situation, regarding how many members would return to in-person services. We probably would not reopen prior to March 21.

Pastor Chris indicated the OGHS (One Great Hour of Sharing) material has not been received, at present. He questioned whether we should mail the information, after received, or wait until Church reopens and we meet face to face. Consistory agreed to wait until we reopen.

Pat asked for volunteers for a Nominating Committee to select new Consistory members; two Elders and three Deacons. Susan, Bill, and Karen volunteered (following the meeting, Mike also joined the Committee). Pat would like suggestions by the March meeting, as a letter must be sent to the congregation at least two weeks prior to the May 2 Congregational meeting.

Greg reported he has been involved with Zoom meetings regarding CARES; they need space to house individuals. CARES has found a permanent location; however, they are waiting for Borough Council approval before work can begin on the building.

On a Frey/Harrison motion, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen F. Byers, Secretary

**Next Meeting: March 15 at 10 AM**

**March Devotions: Mike Coulson**