

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CONSISTORY MINUTES – MARCH 15, 2021

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

Mike Coulson opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

On a Harrison/Coulson motion, the Minutes of February 15, 2021, were approved. Motion carried.

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

Treasurer's Report: Susan reported we have been operating at a loss, which has increased somewhat from 2020. Other than that, things have remained about the same.

New Business: The Nominating Committee, consisting of Mike Coulson, Bill Harrison, Susan Stott, and Karen Byers presented the following slate as Deacons and Elders, beginning in June 2021:

Elders: Susan Stott (Treasurer/Stewardship Council) and Lisa Harrison (Christian Education)

Deacons: Brian Gish (Property Management), Gail Havens (Caring Fellowship), and Barb Simonton (Church and Ministry).

The Deacon position on Christian Education was not filled.

On a McKibben/Lewis motion, the slate of Elders and Deacons was approved. Motion carried.

COVID Task Force:

Greg Lewis reported on the almost 80 responses to the survey: The conclusions are: The results are mixed, but a majority of those who answered should have had one or both shots in the next two weeks. Most congregants seem to be handling the pandemic well emotionally and physically, while some are still uncomfortable about returning to Church soon, and some are awaiting better Covid numbers or until "herd community" is

When the Church opens, Greg indicated we would open "with stipulations": Additional ushers to guide worshipers to pews, with overflow to balcony. The sanctuary and balcony can accommodate 91 people; overflow would go to Fellowship Hall (where livestreaming would be available). The Church would need to be sanitized by Friday, before opening. Greg advised it is possible to open either Palm Sunday or Easter. Bill inquired if the congregation would be singing. Pat indicated there would be no singing by the choir or congregation. There was discussion regarding when to open. Karen

indicated there would be more than “normal” attendance for Palm Sunday and/or Easter, which would not be a good indicator of how many would be in the services thereafter.

On a Coulson/Byers motion, Consistory agreed to open on Sunday, April 11, at 10 AM. Motion carried. David will make arrangements to have the Church sanitized, prior to the April 11 opening.

Bill inquired as to when Christian Ed should resume; Pat indicated that was up to the CE Council.

Chris indicated the Annual Bunny Hop (organized by Georgie Lou’s) was going to take place, after Easter. It is an outdoor event, where candy is distributed to the children. Chris and Bill will handle the logistics.

Chris reported on the IT info received: There are issues with Net Trepid and the server; out of warranty, since 2019, and we were never told. Chris spoke with Doceo (new copier purchased from this company), who indicated there would be an additional \$20 per month charge (added to the fee for copier) for consolidation of the domain. Mike suggested Doceo provide references, before a final decision is made. Chris will get back to Consistory, once that is done.

Pat indicated the names of proposed Consistory members will be included in the April Newsletter, as we must give at least two weeks notice, prior to the Congregational meeting the first Sunday in May.

Bill indicated he will resume Sunday School on April 11, and will have that included in the Newsletter, also.

David reported there is one additional session remaining on our present contract. He will notify the company and request an additional three months of service. Greg indicated the Church would require sanitation, after the April 11 opening.

On a Harrison/Coulson motion, the meeting adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen F. Byers, Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, April 19 – 10 AM

Devotions for April: Pat Frey