

## OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

January 4, 2024 6:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Called to order by Rob Miller, Missy Johnson, Dean Phelps, Lori Brooke, Leon Larson, Rich Hambright, Bob Dewar, Pastor Deborah Mann, Treasurer Keith Barnhart, and Secretary Mary Larson.

**OPEN IN PRAYER** – Pastor Deb

**APPROVAL OF DOCKET** Motion to approve docket; unanimous approval.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Motion to accept minutes as written; unanimous approval.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Keith reviewed year-end and December transactions for the Board. Each year, in January, there are housekeeping items related to use of the church Federal ID#. A complete list of items was provided to the Board and explained one-by-one. The Board cast unanimous approval of the annual housekeeping items. There was a motion to approve Treasurer's Report; unanimous approval.

Start of Month balance	\$2,686.50
Receipts	\$48,030.31
Sub Total	\$50,716.81
Disbursements	\$48,664.46
Ending Balance	\$2,052.35
Board Checking	(\$12,266.82)

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** After brief discussion, Missy volunteered to take on the roll of Chairperson and Rich Hambright will be the Vice-Chair for 2024. The Board thanked Rob for his leadership the previous two years of his term and all look forward to him continuing his seat for this final year of his term. Missy, as the new Chair, presided over the remainder of the meeting.

### PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor's Activity for December, 2023

I'm looking at the grass outside my window and feeling a little wistful about not seeing snow on the ground this Christmas. While outside may be a little disappointing, I would say this holiday season joyfully met our expectations! Gathering with friends and family in worship activities provided laughter, love and peace as WOW had their domino drop and Christmas program. Congregational Life also provided a birthday celebration for Jesus after the program and Christmas caroling that night to spread a little cheer and give cards made by the kids. Afterwards we came back to the church to enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. Worship services this month required extra planning to incorporate additional music, candle lighting, and readers. The Chancel Choir also provided a beautiful cantata that fed our souls and CYG held their Live Nativity outside the church in front of the crosses. We were treated to several songs in Spanish from Father Guillermo's catechism class who stopped by to visit. Our kids sang first to them in English. It was fun and very meaningful at the same time. Both CYG and WOW have begun their winter breaks before restarting in January. This month we also addressed some of the hurting needs of this community with a Blue Christmas service from the Ministerial Association at the WL United Methodist Church. Pastor Mario and myself assisted Pastor Paddy. I also led a worship service at Simpson and did home visits and calling to check on church family members. GriefShare finished up its last class for this session and will begin alternating with WL United Methodist Church. Currently the plan is for them to offer it in the Spring and our church in the Fall. This month I visited with the family of Betty Madsen and led her funeral here at the church. We also reached so many families in need through the yearly Christmas box program, led by the Voluntary Action Council. 150 food boxes were packed and distributed, along with a generous outpouring of toys from the community. It is very heart-

warming to see so many people come together to support this major undertaking. Ministerial Association held its monthly meeting, but both denominations did not meet this month. In addition to my usual office work, I worked with Todd and Brenda on a new outreach window display and have begun working on my items needed for Annual Meeting and Continuing Education credit. This is to fulfill requirements needed for my Standing forms in the Region for Christian Church Disciples of Christ. Lee Ann and I were also blessed to see some of the sights and sounds of the holiday and spend time with visiting family. As we bring this month and year to a close, my heart overflows with gratitude. For the people and for the ministry we do here at First Church United. While we are all a little worn out and ready for some much-needed time off, the Light of Christ continues to shine in our hearts. May the coming New Year bring more of the same with added blessings. Joy to the World, the Savior reigns – thanks be to God!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Pastor Deb Mann

As the Board

### **ONGOING BUSINESS:**

1. Church
  - a. Canopy – No new information to share.
  - b. Sanctuary water damage – Dean will contact Ken Morrison Construction for the repair estimate.
  - c. Sanctuary Technology Upgrade – Installation will be scheduled for January, 2024.
  - d. Kitchen equipment maintenance – ice maker filter replaced by Blaine Kelly, December 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of merger – Pastor Deb brought the anniversary topic to the Board and indicated her intention to collect interest from the congregation in the formation of a celebration committee.

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion to adjourn at 7:20pm; unanimous approval.

**PRAYER CONCERNS SHARED/CLOSING PRAYER**

**NEXT MEETING** February 1, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.