

FCU BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2024 6:30 p.m.

VOTE TO APPROVE NEW BOARD MEMBER - the board voted unanimously to approve Jon Weiland as the new board member fulfilling Jarod Deahr's term.

CALL TO ORDER – Called to order by Missy Johnson with, Lori Brooke, Jon Weiland, Rob Miller, Rich Hambright, Vince Ottaway, Treasurer Keith Barnhart attending.

OPEN IN PRAYER

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT – Motion to approve Treasurer's report; unanimous approval.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor's Activity for April, 2024

It's been a very active time in the life of the church this month as we closed out our CYG and WOW seasons with special activities. The CYG leadership board met as well. We also finished up our current Bible Study and Confirmation classes. The Confirmation ceremony will be on May 19, Pentecost Sunday, as we celebrate their decisions to become new members of the church. In addition to our regular class meetings, the confirmands helped with the Easter and

WOW activities, served in worship, attended last month's board meeting, and helped Sam and I deliver stuffed animals to the residents at Simpson which warmed all of our hearts. We ended our time together with their mentors on a fun outing. I have also led worship services and attended the Volunteer Appreciation Party at Simpson. The Stewardship Committee continues to move along with assistance from Dinette and Keith towards online giving, coming soon.

Congregational Life held a Bingo and Pizza night which was great fun and the Worship Team began planning for the summer months and Laity Sunday. Our choirs continue to meet for regular fellowship, practice and presentation of their gifts during worship. It has been such a joy to see and hear all 3 choirs this month. Much planning continues to go into the services, but feel our community has benefited from it, as we seek to faithfully follow where Christ leads. Lunch Ladies met for their regular gathering as well as the Disciples Cluster and Ministerial Association. Huff-N-Puff exercise class also continues to meet on a regular basis. Lee Ann and I attended a special gathering for visioning discussion within our Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Upper Midwest Region. On Earth Day, we had a group of students from the high school, with their leader Katie Thrasher, earn service hours by helping us clean out our tree line. They also helped with projects inside the church, including cleaning chairs, tables and toys. Other projects, including preparation for the new sign out front are also underway. Pastoral Care and office needs of the community continue to be a priority and have been met. As Lee Ann and I visited with family over my mom's birthday lunch, I was reminded of the importance of each individual. We are all gifted in a wide variety of ways to share with one another. As we continue to move forward in the life of the church, I pray that each one not only knows how important they are in the family of God, but recognizes the gifts they bring for such a time as this.

Thankful to be in ministry with my church family – Love Pastor Deb

ONGOING BUSINESS

Needs Assessment

Maintenance of Church

A. Church canopy update – Bob Dewar tabled because Bob was not in attendance.

B. Sanctuary water damage - roof repair cost estimate from Ken Morrison – It appears at this time the leak in the fellowship hall has been fixed.

- C. Return gutters & down spouts to west wall. Missy talked to Ken Morrison and he will replace the gutters with larger gutters. He felt the old ones were too small and could not handle all the water run off from that large and steep of a roof. Moved and seconded to move forward with this agenda item. Missy gave Ken Morrison a key to access the church to look at the south wall in the sanctuary for moisture.
- D. Dishwasher leaking – new solanoid delivered by Star, Austin Maine will install week of April 29 along with new pex pipe. Dishwasher should be ready to use.

Existing Projects Underway

- Digital Sign Project – Installation complete. Final electric connections to be made. Masonry to follow. Mary will be trained on content creation and publishing May 10.
- Vanco online giving platform – Brenda working with Big Imprint to create a Giving page, expect completion early May - This will be on the top of our website. As a reminder, the processing fee is 3% per donation.
- Road Sign Replacement – Mark Johnson will replace the bent sign on Columbus with a new one in the exact same location. There is not interest at this time in placing a larger sign on Columbus due to cost.
- Church Bells – planning to begin the painting process very soon.
- Assistive Door Entry - Lori has not had a chance to look into this yet.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Changes to Committee assignments – Jodi Kelly resigned from two committees; Charles Brooke taking Jodi’s spot on Community Center Board, Lisa Murphy taking Charles’ spot on Congregational Life, her CYG Board seat will remain vacant for the rest of the year.
- B. Trees to remove – arborist indicated last fall the 2 trees east side of church (outside kitchen window) are dead and can be removed anytime – Lori and family will remove the two trees. If memorial trees, the board feels they should be replaced in a different location because the ground doesn’t support the needs of a tree.
- C. Exterior water valves broken – Board voted to delay this project.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn; unanimous approval

PRAYER CONCERNS SHARED/CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT MEETING June 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Follow-up to October meeting:

- 1) The Board requested the language from the church by-laws pertaining to use of any principal amount from the Endowment Fund: *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the primary PURPOSE of this FUND is to enhance the mission outreach of First Church United. ALL PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS WILL BE RETAINED AND ONLY THE INCOME EXPENDED: UNLESS BY 2/3 CONGREGATIONAL APPROVAL.*
- 2) I do not see any language or amendment that is specific to use of Watters Special Endowment Fund. It appears as though the language above pertains.
- 3) The Board has full access to and discretion toward disposition of the Irey Fund.
- 4) The Board requested balances of the Endowment Funds (as of 4/2024):
 - a. FCU Endowment Fund – total in both denominations = \$949,1936
 - b. Watters Special Endowment Fund – total in both denominations = \$239,611
 - c. Irey Fund = \$425,395