

FCU BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2024 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – Called to order by Leon Larson with, Lori Brooke, Rob Miller, Bob Dewar, Shaun Kruger, Pastor Deborah Mann, Secretary Mary Larson, and Treasurer Keith Barnhart attending.

OPEN IN PRAYER

APPROVAL OF DOCKET – Motion to approve docket with addition of lawn care bill in Treasurer Report; unanimous approval.

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

TREASURER’S REPORT –

Keith noted that expenditures are on track and pledged monies received are also on track, but because total pledges are short of the budgeted amount, Keith recommends requesting a disbursement of interest income from the Ireys Fund (invested with Christian Church) to cover the general checking account. The recommendation to request a \$10,000 interest disbursement is approved unanimously and Keith will follow through with the action.

Start of Month balance	\$ 1,611.35
Receipts	\$38,208.03
Sub Total	\$39,819.38
Disbursements	\$38,691.11
Ending Balance	\$ 1,128.27
Board Checking	(\$13,620.02)

Congregational Life expenses have been paid from the general checking account and tracked specifically. When the Fair Stand committee transfers designated Congregational Life dollars back to the church general account, the Congregational Life will then have a budget line item in the financial reporting and the church general account will be reimbursed the dollars used thus far. The Treasurer asked the Board to approve the recommendation to have Joe Myers be the primary signature for the Fair Stand checking account and Syd Harned be a secondary signature for the Fair Stand checking account – unanimous approval by Board.

Annual renewal of church insurance policy is coming up. A printed copy is available to Board members to review. The insurance agent will be attending the August 1 meeting of the Board to discuss coverage and answer any questions. Lastly, there appeared to be a duplicate billing item on the lawn care treatment statement. Secretary Larson was asked to contact the former Board member who arranged for the lawn care services to alert him of the question, and then contact the company to question the line item.

Motion to approve Treasurer’s report; unanimous approval.

PASTOR’S REPORT

Pastor’s Activity for May, 2024

May was full of special celebrations beginning with the new digital sign being installed and then later dedicated on May 26. Special thanks to Mary Larson and Rob Miller for their work on this project and the donations and grant funds received to make it possible. We also had great help from our contractors combining the old structure with the new. Already we have heard positive comments about better visibility, sharper images and increased messages for outreach. Mary has done the research and study to be able to create and display this important new ministry. On National Day of Prayer, the Ministerial Association prayed with community at Ron-De-Voo Park after our regular meeting then Lee Ann and I took off a few days to celebrate with our grandson in Michigan for his 2nd birthday. May also marked the beginning of our new on-line giving program with Vanco. The Stewardship Committee, Brenda Miller and Bill Koellner, worked closely with their representative on step by step instructions for set up and introducing

it to the congregation. It appears to have been a fairly smooth transition thanks to their research and dedication. We pray these additional giving opportunities will make it easier to donate for all generations. On May 12, we celebrated not only Mother's Day but also the 50th anniversary of the merging of the 2 denominations to form First Church United (May 13, 1974). Special thanks to Congregational Life committee for the flowers, cake and decorations. They also had a cake reception the following week celebrating 3 baptisms by immersion: Callie, Blakley and Wade Deahr, a reaffirmation for Madelynn Neeld and confirming our 2 newest members, Madelynn Neeld and Callie Deahr. This month, the choirs also wrapped up their beautiful season with special selections that warmed all of our hearts. Baccalaureate and graduation services were held, along with Simpson services, Lunch Ladies and a graveside service for Stuart Howell. Amidst these wonderful celebrations, the day to day needs of the community continued to be met. Family, we have much to be thankful for as we head into the summer season. There may have been struggles along the journey, but our faithful God never falters. God's blessings always WIN out ... Thanks be to God!!

Celebrating God's abundant blessings – Love Pastor Deb

ONGOING BUSINESS

Needs Assessment

Maintenance of Church

- A. Church canopy update – Bob Dewar shared a modified design idea with the Board. After some discussion, it was determined that Shaun would reach out to the architectural firm used recently by the school district to gauge the company's interest in working with the church on such a project.
- B. Sanctuary water damage – there have been no recent leaks. Morrison Roofing crew installed gutters & down spouts to the west wall of sanctuary June 4th.

Existing Projects Underway

Digital Sign Project – A Digital Sign Use Policy was drafted by Rob and shared with the Board – Motion to approve policy as written; unanimous approval. Secretary Larson was asked to post the policy in the classroom hallway on a bulletin board.

Church Bells – no activity to report at this time

Assistive Door Entry – no activity to report at this time, the electrical work and materials needed may be folded into the canopy project

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Trees to remove – arborist indicated last fall the 2 trees east side of church (outside kitchen window) are dead and can be removed anytime – Brooke family will remove. Tabled discussion of replacing the trees elsewhere on the property

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn; unanimous approval

PRAYER CONCERNS SHARED/CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT MEETING August 1, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Insurance Agent will attend the meeting

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 Irej 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. Irej Fund = \$425,395