

## FCU BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 2024 6:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Called to order by Missy Johnson with Leon Larson, Lori Brooke, Jon Weiland, Bob Dewar, Shaun Kruger, Rich Hambright, Pastor Deborah Mann, Secretary Mary Larson, and Treasurer Keith Barnhart attending.

### **OPEN IN PRAYER**

**APPROVAL OF DOCKET** – Motion to approve docket with removal of International Peacemaker schedule; unanimous approval.

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

### **TREASURER'S REPORT** –

Keith pointed out to the Board that VBS expenses are posted to the financial reports but will be offset by Endowment reimbursement soon. Keith will also move some entries from general fund to Congregational Life account and this will even out the 2024 fair stand transactions that have been carried by General fund for some months. Lynch Plumbing expense is posted to Future Maintenance of the Church. Keith asked if someone could submit a request to Endowment Fund to add some money to the deacon's line items, to purchase birthday and anniversary cards. Operation Christmas Child cash gifts for shipping will be visible thru In & Out.

Start of Month balance	\$ 7,708.68
Receipts	\$13,050.51
Sub Total	\$20,759.19
Disbursements	\$19,114.40
Ending Balance	\$ 1,644.79
Board Checking	(\$24,359.08)

Motion to approve Treasurer's report; unanimous approval.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

August was very full and fruitful as we enjoyed a MONUMENTAL VBS celebrating God's goodness. We had a great time with 50 children and around 30 helpers and adults!! During Sunday worship we enjoyed highlights from VBS and later that afternoon shared swimming and water play with families at Kimberly Pool. This month also brought Blessing of the Backpacks and labels reminding staff and kids alike that their church family loves, supports and prays for them. New members Jeff & Denise Baird and Jason & Kayla Dierdorff were welcomed on August 4 and Emeri Dierdorff and Brynlee Parizek were baptized. What a joy to have 3 generations in their family worshipping together! CYG was very busy this month at our planning retreat and hosting the annual FUN night at WLCF. We started off strong with 30 kids for water games. Our 13-week GriefShare class is also fast approaching so we have been busy making preparations and advertising. Mary has been a huge help with the extra work needed in all of these ministries. Operation Christmas Child mission project is almost completed as we have collected, wrapped and packaged 32 shoeboxes for kids in need. It was wonderful to have the kids help pack the boxes after worship on August 25, along with other generational help. I saw a lot of BIG hearts that day (and prior) as people brought so many thoughtful items to donate or money to ship the boxes. We are blessed with generous souls! August also brought the return of the annual choir kickoff party and a wedding for Dillon Brook and Brandy Polman. Much joy and celebration have been a part of this month, along with Lunch Ladies who held their gathering of storytelling and laughter. Our building continued to provide usage for another Blood Drive and two Mobile Clinics to help with school physicals, in addition to the regular offerings provided by the Food Pantry, Goodwill vouchers and gas money through the Ministerial Funds. I'm working on my continuing

education requirements through a regional book study and meeting monthly with my Spiritual Director. Separate meetings were also held with the Director of Youth Ministries and Music Director to continue planning for the upcoming seasons. Regular Simpson worship services were provided, along with much preparation for the fall ministries and special services. Pastoral care was also provided through hospital and home visits, phone calls, cards, texts and counseling. Office responsibilities continue to be met.

At the end of this month, it's important to note that our Generous God can take the work of our hands and hearts and make them into something far greater than we can ever imagine. I pray that we, the body of Christ, have that humble sense of awe and wonder that God calls us to be a part of the plan. What we do is important, but even greater is WHY we do it . . . to honor God & love our neighbors. Thankful to be a part of God's plan with you – Love Pastor Deb

## **ONGOING BUSINESS**

### **Needs Assessment**

#### Maintenance of Church

- A. Church canopy update – nothing to report at this time.
- B. Sanctuary water damage – Bob Dewar spoke with Ken Morrison, they will repair NW corner of wood ceiling in sanctuary.
- C. Water leaking into Lounge/Study Ceiling - Missy indicated that Morrison Roofing believes we should replace the entire roof over that area

#### Existing Projects Underway

Church Bells – the bells are operational, this item will be tabled

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Pastor Deb shared information about community interest in a Youth Center.
- B. FEH Design indicated they could digitize (scan) the church's original blueprints, if desired. The Board asked Mary to obtain a cost estimate and report back.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn; unanimous approval

**PRAYER CONCERNS SHARED/CLOSING PRAYER**

**NEXT MEETING** October 3, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Follow-up to October 2023 meeting:

- 1) The Board has full access to and discretion toward disposition of the Irey Fund.
- 2) The Board requested periodic update on balances of the Endowment Funds (as of 08/2024):
  - a. FCU Endowment Fund – total in both denominations = \$954,807
  - b. Watters Special Endowment Fund – total in both denominations = \$241,045
  - c. Irey Fund = \$443,993
    - i. Board requested \$10,000 withdrawal of accumulated interest for support of general checking (May 2024)
    - ii. Board requested \$20,000 withdrawal of accumulated interest for support of canopy project (July 2024)