

OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

December 5, 2024 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Called to order by Rich Hambright, Leon Larson, Shaun Kruger, Bob Dewar, Lori Brooke, Pastor Deborah Mann, Treasurer Keith Barnhart, and Secretary Kelly Waters.

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

A review of the November financial reports, as prepared by Keith, was conducted. Keith noted the final bill for the lawn rolling project was paid. The Irey Fund accumulated interest that was approved for transfer to the general fund Checking account will not be processed until January 2.

Start of Month balance	\$5,836.38
Receipts	\$30,087.68
Sub Total	\$35,924.06
Disbursements	\$33,545.25
Ending Balance	\$2,378.81
Board Checking	(\$20,230.16)

Motion to approve treasurer's report; unanimous approval.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor's Activity for November 2024

This has been a visual month of bountiful harvests as we collected for Rotary Club coat and winter wear distribution, Heifer International through noisy offering, Christmas shoeboxes dropped off for Operation Christmas Child (thank you Dinette and Joe), Take Away Hunger food packets made up by CYG, and cereal boxes/soup cans for our local Food Pantry. God's loving cup of kindness continues to overflow in our community. What joy to be able to share our blessings with so many others in need! As we wrapped up our Stewardship pledge drive this month, we were reminded again and again of the importance we individually and collectively make for the kingdom of God. Through the Spirit of Christ, we can and will continue to make a difference that is positive and long lasting. Our youth program continues to shine through WOW and Sunday School. Already they are hard at work on preparing for their Christmas program. CYG also continues to shine through the dedication of its volunteers and parent helpers. This month we took the youth to see a Christian concert in Moline: Toby Mac, Mercy Me and Zac Williams. It was an incredible night of powerful messages which we hope, they will hold on to for a lifetime. Ministerial Association continues to provide a wonderful support not only for our communities but for one another. FCU finished up their Fall GriefShare session and WL UMC will pick it up in the Spring. Several clergy members also provide monthly articles for the Table of Good section in the Index and weekly worship services at Simpson. Thank you to Brenda for helping out with one of those services. This month, several leaders from CYG met with Ken Brooks to begin discussions about envisioning a Youth Center. The FCU music program continues to provide beautiful pieces that touch the hearts and souls of all, whether you are listening or participating. The Chimers performed Christmas music at the Holiday Open House while the Chancel Choir has been preparing for their upcoming Cantata. This pastor is so very grateful for the music leadership and dedication. It truly helps take our worship experiences to greater heights! For me personally, I planned and led Tom Woody's funeral along with attending meetings for the Pastoral Relations Committee to discuss my annual review and Nominations Committee to discuss leadership guidance for next year's committees. Kelly continues to train and learn about the specific working of this church. We are very blessed that this has been such a seamless transition, especially this time of year! She is doing an Awesome job!! This month we also offered a special worship to honor out Veterans with the help of our children sharing gratitude, and worked with Todd to put up a new window display. Thank you to Endowment for the

funds to continue this important outreach ministry. Rev. Liz Woodward, one of our partners in the Christian Church (DOC) region was able to attend worship one Sunday and Bible study as we began a new study for the Advent season. I continue to provide for pastoral care and office needs and attend to my own soul care. I just returned from a Clergy Renewal solo retreat offered through a grant program made known to me through the Presbyterians. While it was good to get away and reflect, I came back with a bronchial sinus illness which prevented my attending worship and having to work from home for a week. It was such a blessing to hear how the church came together once again. Special thanks to Jennifer, Brenda, Emily, Susie, Lori, Syd, Lee Ann and all others who helped out in my absence. The decorations were put up for the season of Advent and Congregational Life provided pizza afterward. In this season of Thanksgiving, I am truly so grateful to be in ministry with all of you.

Love Pastor Deb

ONGOING BUSINESS

Needs Assessment

Maintenance of Church

- A. Sanctuary water damage to NW corner – Rich covered the hole with 4 in car siding he had on hand. 6 in car siding would better match the existing design. He will make this change in the future and stain the boards.
- B. Water leaking into Lounge/Study – **Jon's update:** Tod Morrison applied a covering over the screws and seam that runs over the lounge area. It should fix the leaking issue for now. He did reiterate replacement of the roof for a permanent fix.

Existing Projects Underway

- A. FEH Design – Was voted to put on hold at November meeting. However, after further thought and repair of the roof leak, the Board suggested this topic be added to the January docket so the incoming board members can be informed and decide next steps.

ONGOING BUSINESS

- B. Special Giving Message – Kelly and Pastor Deb will work with Dinette on distribution plan in the next two weeks.
- C. Technology Report – Sanctuary PC recommendation and pricing requested from Lee Ann. Due to the busyness of upcoming children's program, Lee Ann will provide this information at a later meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Take Away Hunger Report – A call for new volunteer lead will be added to weekly E-News and announced at the Annual Meeting of Members in January. Should no volunteers step forward from FCU, Pastor Deb will take it the Ministerial Association. Should a community member wish to take over, the Board approved gifting the necessary materials and equipment we have accumulated.
- B. Board members worked with Treasurer to complete the 2025 budget worksheet. Item of note is a predicted 25% cost increase for insurance coverage.

ADJOURNMENT

PRAYER CONCERNS SHARED

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT MEETING January 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting will be in person, but a zoom link will be provided for those wintering elsewhere to join.