**OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES**

February 6, 2025 6:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Called to order by Shaun Kruger, Cindy Hambright, Jan Koellner, Joel Murphy, Vince Ottaway, Meredith Parizek, Leon Larson, 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**

Keith noted the annual interest disbursement from the Endowment Fund and first quarter interest payment for the Watters Estate Fund have been received. Payments of note: the first quarter per capita for both denominations and the first quarter insurance payments went out.

 Start of Month balance $ 2,378.81

 Receipts $19,548.30

 Sub Total $21,927.11

 Disbursements $16.687.18

 Ending Balance $ 5,239.93

 Board Checking ($6,407.54)

**PASTOR’S REPORT**

Pastor's Activity for January 2025

This month has flown by so quickly- Advent decorations coming down and welcoming in a New Year. CYG met for their annual Fun Night games and pizza at WLCF and a movie night with popcorn at FCU. We also had 2 regular CYG gatherings at FCU and our monthly board meeting. WOW took a few weeks off, but is back in full swing thanks to wonderful helpers and great kids. The choirs have also started back, enjoying music and fellowship. Ministerial Association met for its monthly meeting at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and colleagues enjoyed our annual Pulpit Exchange on the 19th. The Disciples Cluster meeting was cancelled due to Minister’s Institute which I and Lee Ann attended for 2 days. I also stayed an additional day along with other clergy to complete our required boundary training. It was probably one of my most enjoyable and beneficial outings at the Christian Conference Center (minus the freezing temps). I was also able to attend the Presbytery meeting this month via Zoom. FCU’s Annual Meeting was held on Jan 12 with a potluck afterward hosted by the Congregational Life Committee. They also met this month to plan activities for the year ahead. Simpson worship services were held and pastoral care was offered through visits, calls and in person. Leaders in the community attended a LEAP presentation with a representative from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach discussing concerns of obesity and diabetes and looking at positive means to combat health struggles in our communities. Additional ministry was carried out through office responsibilities, and planning ahead for Confirmation, Lent and New Membership. Kelly has also been working to update our Resources Available guide for area churches and community members. May God continue to guide our ministries in 2025. Blessings of Peace – Pastor Deb

**ONGOING BUSINESS**

Maintenance of Church

1. Water leaking into Lounge/Study (again) – During a January rain event, water began leaking from the roof into the lounge in the same locations as previous leak incidents. Todd Morrison was contacted. He indicated the previous repairs are now failing and his recommendation is roof replacement. An estimate from West Branch Roofing was procured. It was also noted that the replacement process would require removing the air conditioning systems located on the roof and recommended the board look into moving them to the ground/replacing the units. Blaine Kelly agreed to create an estimate. The board consulted Keith on funding options and discussed. Next steps: Shaun will procure a second bid from another company and Kelly will follow-up with Blaine on HVAC estimate.

Existing Projects Underway

1. Canopy Project – Will continue discussions once a decision has been made regarding roof replacement.
2. Sanctuary PC - Lee Ann has recommended a new sanctuary PC that will better meet our needs and with software that will communicate consistently across all devices. The estimate was $2,000. Due to the now anticipated costly roof repairs, Pastor Deb and Kelly will reach out to the congregation for donations.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Facilities Usage Fees – have not been discussed/updated for several years. The board would like additional information on number/types of events each year, income generated, and costs associated with these events (utilities, cleaning, etc.) Kelly was tasked with assembling data. This topic will be re-visited later in the year.

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion to adjourn at 7:34pm; unanimous approval.

**PRAYER CONCERNS SHARED**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**NEXT MEETING** March 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.