

## OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

March 6, 2025 6:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Called to order by Leon Larson, Vince Ottaway, Lori Brooke, Meredith Parizek, Jan Koellner, Cindy Hambright, Jon Wieland, Joel Murphy, 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 reported February was a pretty routine month in terms of finances. Both the Christian and Presbyterian Missions were paid and the board received its quarterly share from the Watters Estate Funds.

Start of Month balance	\$ 5,239.93
Receipts	\$18,599.04
Sub Total	\$23,838.97
Disbursements	\$19,614.37
Ending Balance	\$ 4,224.60
Board Checking	(\$12, 369.37)

### PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor's Activity for February 2025

It was a short month but feel we packed a lot into it. CYG had their annual Superbowl party, regular gatherings and a guest speaker from Hope at the Brick House in Davenport. The leaders also met for their monthly board meeting. Ministerial Association and Disciples' Cluster had their monthly meetings as well. Extreme winter weather conflicted with WOW and choir schedules this month causing 2 weeks of cancellation, but fortunately we were able to resume the third and fourth week. Our CYG leaders' planned outing to visit other Youth Centers in the area was also cancelled due to extreme weather closings. I was able to attend several meetings on Zoom and work from Michigan as we took some time to visit with our Michigan children and grandsons in between snowy weather. Jason Thrasher filled the pulpit on February 16. A new Membership class was held for Audra Daufeldt who joined the FCU membership on February 9. After worship the Congregational Life provided "Sweets for the Sweet" as the kids decorated Valentine cookies. The Endowment Committee, Christian Education and Worship Team all had their meetings in February as well. Lunch Ladies had a nice turnout on a Spring-like day. Confirmation class began with a blessing in worship on Feb 23, followed by the first class later that day. We have 4 confirmands: Isaiah Galvan, Karli Galvan, Makenna Deahr, and Wesley Daufeldt. Their mentors are Sam Morel, Lee Ann Maas and Brenda Miller. Much planning and preparation time goes into helping our Confirmands get a good understanding of faithful discipleship in and out of the church building. Sam is able to help out in the class as well which is an added blessing. I'm so thankful for the assist of these mentors and the difference they make in our church family. Providing pastoral care, meeting office hours, planning and leading worship at Simpson and FCU and preparing for additional materials during Lent has kept us pretty busy. Lee Ann and I would like to thank everyone for the additional support and prayers as Lee Ann's mom has struggled with major health concerns being in and out of the hospital most of the month. I pray we begin this Lenten season with a renewed sense of wonder and gratitude for all that God has done in the past and look forward with hope to all that God will bring about in the present. Thankful for our shared ministry – Love Pastor Deb

### ONGOING BUSINESS

#### Needs Assessment

#### Maintenance of Church

- A. Roof Replacement – 2nd roof estimate and HVAC estimate were received. The 2<sup>nd</sup> roof estimate was more expensive and did not indicate they would allow us to use their crane/equipment to remove the HVAC systems from the roof. The Board unanimously voted to move forward with West Branch Roofing's bid of \$85,000 as timely as possible, and approved using Irey Estate gift funds to

cover the construction expenses. Jon will contact West Branch Roofing at his earliest convenience confirming our commitment.

Jon Wieland spoke with Blaine Kelly about the HVAC system. All units are currently 15+ years old, but are clean and in good condition. The most cost-effective option would be using West Branch Roofing's Crane to remove HVAC for roof replacement process then returning them to the roof upon completion. The board could then discuss a long-term plan to replace units one or two at a time over the course of several years to spread out the expenses. The board unanimously voted to accept this plan.

Leon & Mary Larson will work on drafting a letter to the congregation with a roof/canopy update.

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#### **ONGOING BUSINESS**

- A. Canopy Project – Engineer still on hold until roof replacement project is further along/complete.
- B. Sanctuary PC Replacement – no donations have been received. Will discuss final plan at April's board meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion to adjourn at 7:26pm; unanimous approval

**PRAYER CONCERNS SHARED**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**NEXT MEETING** April 3, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.